



UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

How to Read and Interpret the Bible

QUIZ

Name _____

1. According to 2 Timothy 2:15, why is it important that a disciple be able to correctly interpret God's Word?
2. Are the books of the Bible categorized in chronological order or by type of writing?
3. There are _____ books in the Old Testament and _____ books in the New Testament.
4. Match the following.

_____ The first five books of the Old Testament	A. The Apostle Paul
_____ Philemon is an example of what type of writing?	B. The Gospels
_____ Job, Psalms, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes	C. The Pentateuch
_____ Isaiah through Malachi	D. History
_____ Matthew through John	E. Epistle
_____ Who wrote much of the New Testament?	F. The Prophets
_____ Joshua through Esther	G. Poetry
5. True False The Old and New Testaments are one, integrated book.
6. What resource would you use to find the location of a Bible verse and a very brief meaning of a Hebrew or Greek word?
7. Can you give an example of a Biblical standard (highest norm) and a regulation for people of Bible times?
 - A. Bible standard:
 - B. A regulation:

8. Match the following.
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| _____ Obeying only the teachings we like. | A. Hermeneutics |
| _____ Read our own interpretation <i>into</i> Bible text. | B. Selective literalism |
| _____ Discovering the writer's original meaning. | C. Eisegesis |
| _____ Bringing contemporary relevance to ancient texts. | D. Exegesis |
| | E. Context |
9. True False The context of a particular verse is understood by the passages that precede and follow it.
10. True False Although there are three basic types of context in New Testament epistles, the basic context is the entire book or letter.
11. Match the following.
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| _____ A short fictional story using words figuratively. | A. Parable |
| _____ A word or phrase used in its ordinary way. | B. Anthropomorphism |
| _____ A short fictional story with one, main point. | C. Figurative |
| _____ A metaphor describing God's power in human terms. | D. Literal |
| _____ The writer meaning the opposite of what the words say. | E. Hyperbole |
| _____ Conscious exaggeration of a truth to stress a point. | F. Allegory |
| _____ A word or phrase that is compared to something else. | G. Irony |
| | H. Anthropomorphism |
12. Which one is a parable?
- The Vine and the Branches in John 15:1-8
- The Sower and the Four Soils in Matthew 13:3-9
13. True False The events that surround a parable are not necessarily important.
14. Briefly explain the main point in the parable of the lost sheep in Luke 15:1-7.
15. Give the references:
- Ten Commandments found in the Old Testament _____
- Jesus condensing the Commandments to two commandments _____
16. What is the main thing you have learned from this course that changes the way you read the Bible?