

Listen and Obey: The Application of Scripture to Everyday Life

Principles of Application

What does it say? (What did it mean?)

Example: 1 Corinthians 5:9–13

Application must be discerning (What does it _____?)

We move from what it meant to what it _____. We already asked who, Discern the changes from the answers to the first questions.

- Have any of these changed to the present day?
- If so, do any of these changes matter?
- Does the text _____ itself or do we need to discern the meaning ourselves?

Transhistorical meaning: “The message intended for readers of a passage _____ the original readers.”

Romans 15:4 (NKJV)

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Excluded elements of transhistorical meaning:

- Covenantally _____ elements.
- Personally and locally _____ elements. (Romans 16:1–2; 2 Timothy 4:13)
- Culturally _____ elements

Universal truths and applications.

Application is connected to _____. (What does it mean to me?)

Application must flow from right _____

- All doctrine is _____. (Titus 1:7–9; 2:1–10)

“All doctrine is practical, and all practice must be based on sound doctrine. Doctrine that is not practical is not healthy doctrine and practice that is not doctrinal is not rightly based.”[†]

- _____ is the application of Scripture.

“Theology is the application of Scripture, by persons, to every area of life.”[‡]

Example – Thinking in Paradigms

1 Timothy 5:17-20 (NKJV)

17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. 18 For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer is worthy of his wages.” 19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses. 20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

Application is connected to _____.

Thomas Watson’s Rules for Meditation.[§]

- It must be _____.
- It must be _____-_____.
- It must be preceded by _____.
- It must include _____.
- It must include _____.
- It must lead to _____.

^{*} Ken Casillas, *Beyond Chapter and Verse*, 208.

[†] Charles C Ryrie, *Balancing the Christian Life*, (Chicago: Moody, 1994), 69.

[‡] Frame, *Systematic Theology*, (Phillipsburg, New Jersey, P&R, 2013), loc 1256.

[§] Jennifer C. Neimeyer, “Thomas Watson: The Necessity Of Meditation.” *Puritan Reformed Journal* 2, no. 1 (January 2010): 172.