

Spiritual Principles of Bible Interpretation

Romans 8:5-9

⁵ For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so;⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.⁹ However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

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I. The Bible is a _____ book – it cannot be properly understood with the _____ mind.

- A. Everything we study in the natural must be interpreted in light of its _____ meaning and application.
- B. The Bible was **not** given for us to know _____. It was given so that we might know _____.
1. There's a _____ word, and there's a _____ word!

II. Seek to know Him by _____

- A. The word must be understood with the _____, not with the _____.
- B. God's wisdom is _____

1. ...from the unbelieving by _____

2. ...from the "wise" and the proud by _____!

III. Approach the Word with _____ – _____ is a barrier to proper understanding!

A. Approach as one who needs _____.

B. Approach the Word in _____.

IV. Approach the Word _____

A. Accurate interpretation happens over _____ as we continue in His word!

B. Revelation involves _____

V. Approach the Word in _____

A. Hearing without doing is _____.

B. Your next revelation depends on _____.

VI. Approach the Word with a _____

A. An attitude of _____

B. Repentance isn't a change of _____, it's a change of _____

VII. Accurate interpretation requires _____

A. We cannot open our own ears, but we **can**:

1.

2.