

When reading the Bible *remember ...*

1. **Context**, context, context ...
2. **Author's original intent**
3. **Exegesis** (get the meaning *out* of the text - don't read your meaning *into* the text)
4. **Use of Reason** – ministerial, not magisterial
5. **Genre** (History/Law/Poetry/Wisdom/Prophecy/Apocalyptic ...)
6. **Clear passages** illuminate less clear passages
7. **What's the main point?**
8. **Scripture** interprets Scripture
9. **Christocentric ...** “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself.” (*Luke 24:27*)
10. **Descriptive or Prescriptive?**
(Is the passage mainly a teaching passage or is it mainly describing what happened?)