

The Key Principles of Biblical Interpretation

How to Study the Bible Like a Pro - Week Two

1. Context reigns as king in interpretation
2. Interpret in light of the original intent of the author
3. A text can never mean what it never meant
4. Interpret literally according to the normal rules of language
5. Interpret each word in light of its literary context
6. Interpret each word in light of its historical context
7. Interpret the obscure in light of the more clear
8. Interpret in light of the progression of theology
9. Biblical examples are only authoritative when there's a general command related to them
10. Interpret your experience in light of scripture, not the reverse
11. Interpret scripture in light of scripture
12. Interpret in light of the grammar of the sentence
13. When appropriate, use science to shed light on texts that reference something scientific
14. Interpret in light of the genre of the book or passage you're studying