
❖SERMON NOTES ❖

Sunday, March 2, 2014

“UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF THE BIBLE”

(John 15:1-17)

We've been studying how to study the Bible. Today we're going to look at interpretation. "How do I understand the meaning of something in the Bible?" We're going to practice interpreting the Bible by studying a passage together.

"If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned" (John 15:6, ESV).

1. You must consider the _____.
2. You must define the _____.
3. I must interpret _____ verses with _____ ones.
4. Look for the _____ meaning.

What applications can be identified?

1. Remaining in Christ produces _____
(John 15:7).
2. Remaining in Christ brings _____
(John 15:8a).
3. Remaining in Christ proves you _____
(John 15:8b).
4. Remaining in Christ brings _____
(John 15:11).
5. Remaining in Christ connects you _____
(John 15:17).

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- 1. You must consider the context.**
- 2. You must define the key words.**
- 3. I must interpret unclear verses with clear ones.**
- 4. Look for the most obvious meaning.**

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What applications can be identified?

- 1. Remaining in Christ produces answered prayers (John 15:7).**
- 2. Remaining in Christ brings glory to God (John 15:8a).**
- 3. Remaining in Christ proves you belong to Him (John 15:8b).**
- 4. Remaining in Christ brings joy to your life (John15:11).**
- 5. Remaining in Christ connects you with other believers (John 15:17).**

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock” (Matthew 7:24, NIV).