

# Living by the Book

Study to understand!

## Interpretation: What does it mean?

### 5 Keys to Helpful Interpretation

1. Content- What does the author mean?
2. Context- What goes before and follows after
3. Comparison- Comparing Scripture with Scripture.
4. Culture- How does this situation look to the original audience?
5. Consultation- Use secondary resources

We always come back to these questions:

- Why is the author writing this book?
- What principles is he trying to teach?

### Tools to help you

- Concordances- "A Bible concordance is an alphabetical listings of words and phrases found in the Holy Bible and shows where the terms occur throughout all books of Scripture."—[biblestudytools.com/concordances](http://biblestudytools.com/concordances)
- Bible Dictionaries- [biblestudytools.com/dictionaries](http://biblestudytools.com/dictionaries)
- Bible Handbooks
- Old & New Testament Introductions and Surveys
- Atlases
- Bible commentaries

- Websites
  - [biblehub.com](http://biblehub.com)
  - [Biblestudytools.com](http://Biblestudytools.com)
  - Blue Letter Bible ([blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org))
  - [preceptaustin.org](http://preceptaustin.org)

## **Possible Resources**

- Bible Handbooks:
  - Zondervan Handbook to the Bible
  - Holman Bible Handbook
  - Handbook of Life in Bible Times
- OT & NT Surveys
  - Encountering the Old Testament- Beyer
  - Encountering the New Testament- Beyer
- Commentaries
  - Baker Exegetical Commentary
  - Expositor's Bible Commentary
  - New American Commentary (NAC)
  - NIV Application Commentary
  - Pillar New Testament Commentary
  - Zondervan Illustrated Bible Background Commentary

## **Other Notes**