

COMMON ERRORS IN BIBLE INTERPRETATION

Ignoring Application

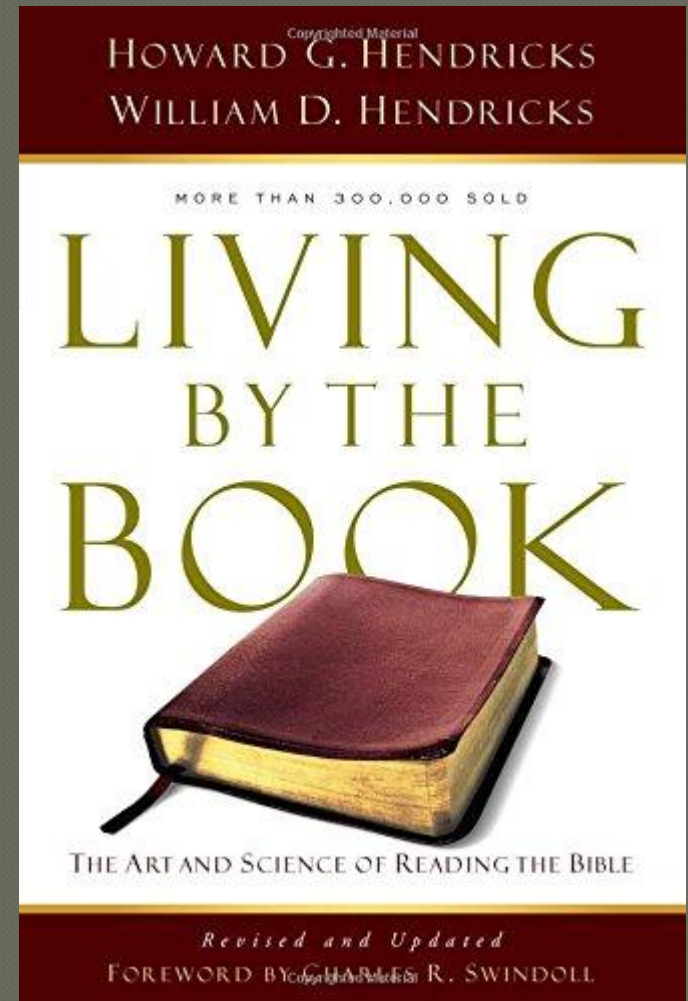


***Interpretation
without
application
is
ABORTION***

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- (#1) *IGNORING THE GENRE***
- (#2) *IGNORING LINGUISTICS***
- (#3) *IGNORING TRANSLATIONS***
- (#4) *IGNORING CONTEXT***
- (#5) *IGNORING FIGURES OF SPEECH***
- (#6) *IGNORING HISTORY***
- (#7) *IGNORING CULTURE***
- (#8) *IGNORING THEOLOGY***
- (#9) *IGNORING APPLICATION***

WHY APPLY THE WORD?

You can't really get to know the Word of God unless you apply it to your life.

Studying the Word of God can be dangerous if you merely study it without applying it.

- Knowledge requires action
- Knowledge increases responsibility

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

*[It is] not so much a technique as it is a spirit;
it is the spirit of eagerness which seeks the
mind of God;
it is the spirit of humility which listens to the
voice of God;
it is the spirit of adventure which pursues
earnestly the will of God;
it is the spirit of adoration, which rests in the
presence of God.*

Merrill C. Tenney

APPLYING GOD'S WORD TO LIFE

Pray for insight on how to apply the
passage

Meditate on the passage to study

Write out an application

Memorize a key verse from your study

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

I will meditate on Your precepts and regard Your ways.

Psalm 119:15

Make me understand the way of Your precepts, so I will meditate on Your wonders.

Psalm 119:27

Let my meditation be pleasing to Him; As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD.

Psalm 104:34

MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

Finally, brethren,

*whatever is true,
whatever is honorable,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is of good repute,*

*if there is any excellence and
if anything worthy of praise,
dwell on these things.*

Philippians 4:8

NON-CHRISTIAN MEDITATION



MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

Meditation is the silent pondering
of the soul on divine things.

Meditation preserves God's separateness
and yet brings us into harmony with Him.

SUGGESTIONS ON MEDITATION

Emphasize words in the passage

Paraphrase the passage

Personalize the passage

Use the S-P-A-C-E-P-E-T-S acrostic

Pray the passage back to God

EMPHASIZE WORDS IN THE PASSAGE

Do whatever He tells you.

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John 2:5

S-P-A-C-E-P-E-T-S Acrostics

Sin to confess

Promise to claim

Attitude to change

Command to obey

Example to follow

Prayer to pray

Error to avoid

Truth to believe

Something to praise God for

EFFECTIVE APPLICATION

Your application should be PERSONAL.

I need to ...

Your application should be PRACTICAL.

I need to read the Bible.

Your application should be POSSIBLE.

I need to read the Bible everyday.

Your application should be PROVABLE.

I need to read the Bible everyday for 15 mins

MEDITATE ON DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel

The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

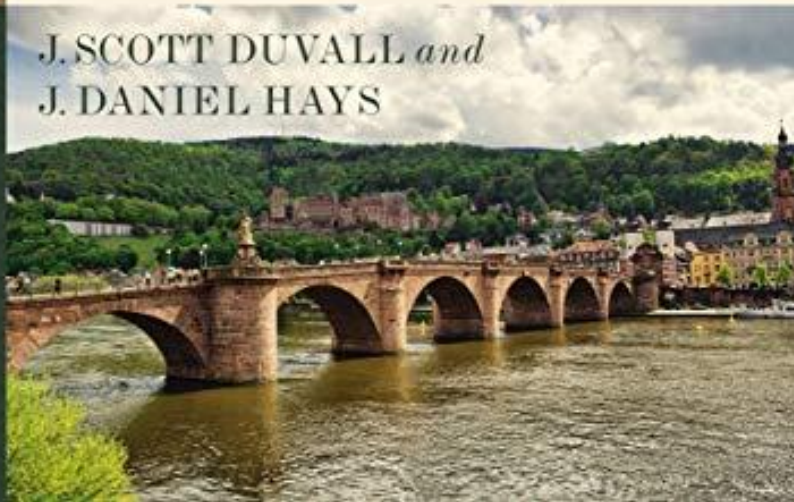
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and with all your soul,
and with all your strength*

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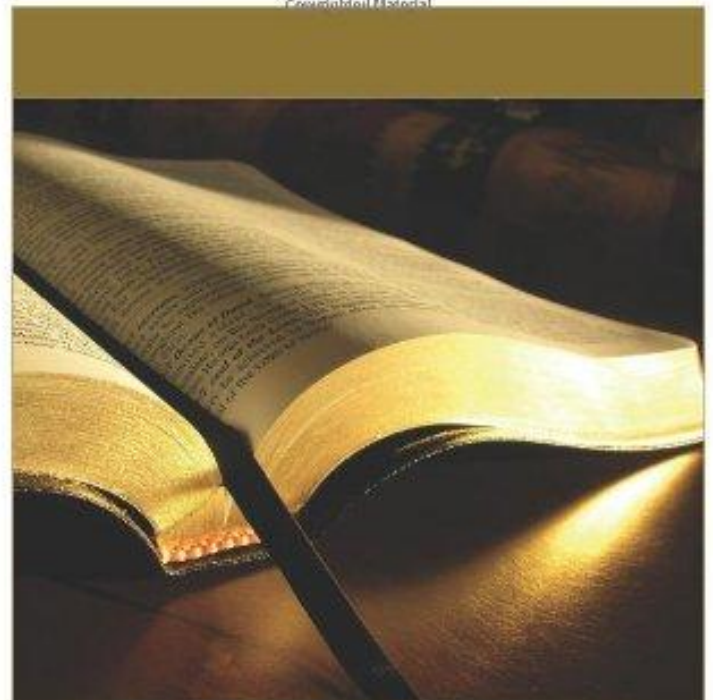
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