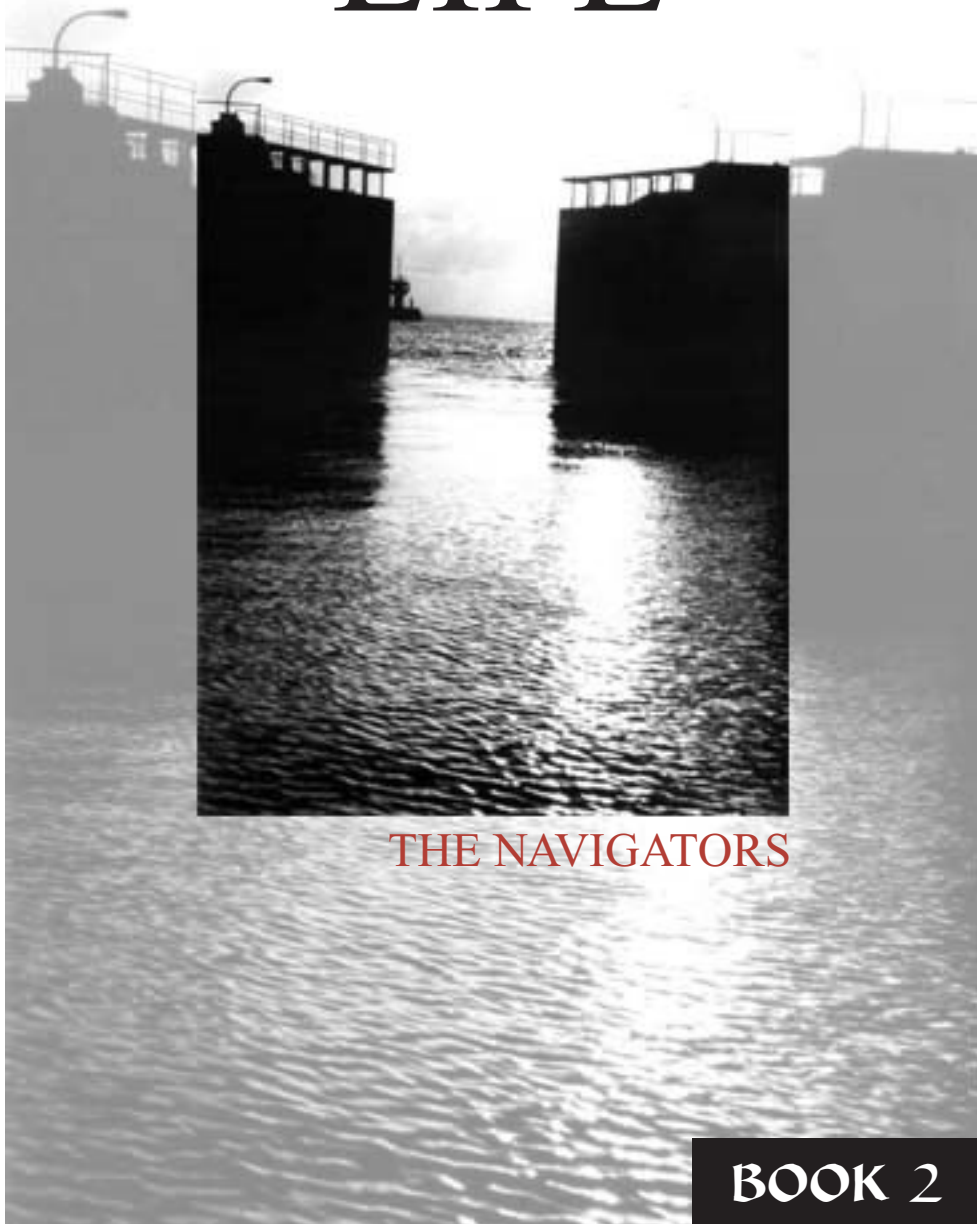


# DISCIPLES FOR LIFE



THE NAVIGATORS

BOOK 2

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Unit	Emphasis/Title	To do in Class	Assignment for next week
one	<b>All have Sinned</b> Rom. 3:23 Isa. 53:6	<b>Discuss:</b> Rom. 3:23 <b>Present:</b> Testimony Workshop: “Prepared to Witness”	<b>Memorize:</b> Rom. 6:23, Heb 9:27 <b>Study</b> Romans 6:23 <b>Daily Review:</b> Prepare Test. Outline
two	<b>Sin’s Penalty</b> Rom. 6:23 Heb. 9:27	<b>Discuss:</b> Rom. 6:23 <b>Present:</b> Testimony Workshop: “Helps for Testimony Preparation”	<b>Memorize:</b> Rom. 5:8, I Pet. 3:18, <b>Study:</b> Rom. 5:8, QT 4 R’s <b>Daily Review,</b> Prepare Test. Rough Draft
three	<b>Christ Paid the Penalty</b> Rom. 5:8 I Pet. 3:18	<b>Discuss:</b> Rom. 5:8 Collect: Testimony Rough Draft	<b>Memorize:</b> Eph. 2:8,9, Tit. 3:5, <b>Study:</b> Eph 2:8,9 QT 4 R’s <b>Daily Review:</b>
four	<b>Salvation Not by Works</b> Eph. 2:8,9 Tit. 3:5	<b>Discuss:</b> Eph. 2:8,9 Return Testimony Rough Draft	<b>Memorize:</b> Jn. 1:12, Rev 3:20 <b>Study:</b> Jn. 1:12, QT 4 R’s <b>Daily Review:</b> Memorize 4 Min. Test.
five	<b>Must Receive Christ</b> Jn. 1:12 Rev. 3:20	<b>Discuss:</b> Jn. 1:12 Share Testimonies	<b>Memorize:</b> I Jn. 5:13, Jn. 5:24 <b>Study:</b> Jn. 5:24 QT 4 R’s
six	<b>Assurance of Salvation</b> I Jn. 5:13 Jn. 5:24	<b>Discuss:</b> John 5:24 Share Personal Testimonies	<b>Memorize:</b> I Cor.: 3:16, 2:12 <b>Study:</b> I Cor. 2:12 QT 4 R’s

# PREPARED TO WITNESS

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## **I Introduction:**

- A. I Peter 3:15
- B. John 9:25

## **II Definition:**

“Firsthand authentication of a fact-evidence.”

## **III Biblical Examples:**

- A. I John 1:3
- B. II Peter 1:16-21
- C. Acts 3:6-10
- D. Acts 4:18-20
- E. Acts 26

## **IV The Value of Using Your Testimony**

Galatians 1:21-24  
John 4:39  
Mark 5:18-20  
Psalm 126

“No one can deny history. The facts that the Wright Brothers flew their airplane at Kitty Hawk, or that George Washington was the first president of the United States, or that my daughter was born on January 5, 1952, are undeniable. These things are part of the record. They do not stir up argument. When you recite history to a person you are not dealing with philosophical theory speculation. Facts are facts, and that’s that. For this reason, each Christian has a remarkably powerful story to tell that cannot be denied, the story of his personal relationship and experience with God.”  
LeRoy Eims in *What Every Christian Should Know About Growing* (Victor Books, 1976)

# HELPS FOR PREPARING YOUR TESTIMONY

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## 1. The General Outline of Your Personal Testimony

- A. Before- a short sketch of what your life was like before you became a Christian.
- B. How- how, specifically, you took the step of becoming a Christian.
- C. After- relating how it has changed your life.

## 2. Guidelines for Preparing the More Specific Content.

- A. Make it sound conversational. Prepare it to be spoken. Avoid literacy sounding statements like “I viewed the crimson sunset and pondered.” Use your informal vocabulary.
- B. Say “I” and “me” not “you” (share don’t preach). This helps keep the testimony warm and personal. People like to hear experiences of others told in the first person.
- C. Avoid religious words, phrases, and jargon.

### Religious Words:

#### 1. Believe

Possible substitutes: ie... “invited Christ to come into my heart through prayer.”

#### 2. Sin

Disobedience, breaking God’s laws turned my back on God.

#### 3. Went forward

Decided to give my life to God.

#### 4. The ‘Bridge’ (or Four Spiritual Laws, or other tract title)

An illustration that explains the essential message of the Bible, or major truth found in the Bible, or God’s plan for each person according to the Bible, etc.

#### 5. Under the blood

God forgave me of my failures (Same as *Believe*)

#### 6. Accepted Christ

Became a Christian, was delivered from the consequences of disobedience.

#### 7. Saved

Sincerely prayed

#### 8. Prayed through

Committed Christian, real Christian.

#### 9. Christian

#### 10. Born Again

Spiritual birth, starting over, becoming a new person.

# HELPS FOR PREPARING YOUR TESTIMONY

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D. Generalize so many people can identify with your story. Don't name specific churches, denominations or groups. Avoid using dates and ages. (Poor: "I was seven years old when I became a Christian." "We moved to the city in 1976.")

E. Include some humor and human interest. Don't just say, "I grew up on my folk's farm." You might briefly describe the farm so a person listening can visualize it.

F. In the "before", include both good and bad aspects of your life. Have a cushion of interesting non-spiritual material at the beginning.

1. Examples of "good aspects"--wanted to excel, desire for education, concern for others, hardworking.

2. Examples of "bad aspects"--selfish, inferiority complex, get ahead at any cost, temper, greed for finances.

G. In the "how"...

1. Communicate the Gospel clearly and briefly. You need to include:

a) The fact of sin

b) The penalty of sin.

c) Christ's payment for the penalty.

d) The requirement to receive Christ.

2. Make the Bible the authority.

a) Poor: "Bill shared with me that I had failed and need forgiveness."

b) Good: "Bill shared with me that the Bible said..."

3. Use the word *Pray* when referring to receiving Christ. The word pray communicates what a person needs to do. (Good: "I prayed and asked Christ to come into my life and give me the gift of eternal life.")

H. In the "after" rapidly conclude with two or three personal benefits of becoming a Christian. (These may be current benefits.)

The last sentence of your testimony should be something like, "But the greatest benefit is that I know I have eternal life." The listener often comments on the last thing you say in your testimony. If the listener's comment is on eternal life, the door is open for presenting the Gospel to him.

I. Avoid dogmatic statements which skeptics can question. Some examples:

1. Poor: "I prayed and I know Christ came in."

2. Poor: "God has given me a wonderful husband. (or wife or three children)."

# HELPS FOR PREPARING YOUR TESTIMONY

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3. Good: “I prayed and asked Christ into my life. Since then I have experienced peace...”

J. Sound adult, not juvenile. Reflect an adult point of view even if you were converted at an early age.

1. Poor: “My dad helped me understand about Jesus.”

2. Good: “I had great talks with my parents. One day dad and I discussed in some detail just who Jesus Christ really is.”

K. Simplify--reduce “clutter”. Mention only a limited number of people you know and such things as moves, meetings, and jobs you have had. Use only first names when possible.

1. Poor: “Bill Smith, Thomas Van Buren, and his cousin Ed Matthews came by my office at Acme Plumbing and Appliance company...”

2. Good: “Bill and two other men talked to me at work one day...”

3. Combine information like, “After living in five states and attending six universities, I found myself at my first engineering job.”

### **3. The Sequence of your preparation**

A. Before you begin writing, pray for God’s help. Look to Him for wisdom and insight as you work on your testimony.

B. Accumulate brief notes in three columns on the sheet provided labeled BEFORE, HOW, and AFTER.

C. Write out your first draft, using notes from the three columns. (It will usually take about five minutes to read it.)

D. Cut your draft down to between two-and-one-half and three minutes when you read it.

E. Outline your testimony on a “3 X 5” card. Learn to give your testimony using only your outline.

F. Learn to give your testimony in three to four minutes without the card.

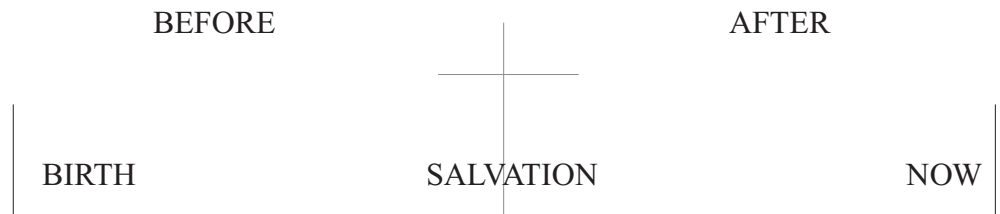
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# TWO TESTIMONY FORMATS

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**Chronological** --In this approach you tell your story in the chronological sequence in which it happened.

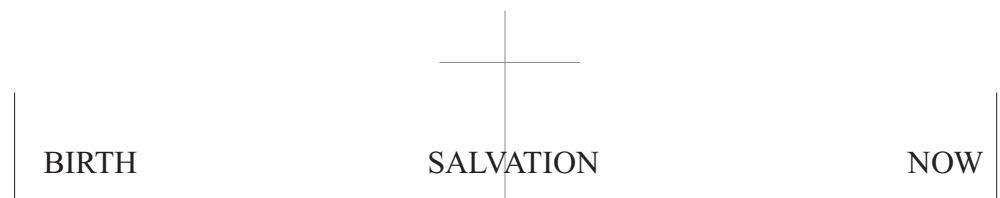


**You might use this format:**

- A. If you were converted later in life
- B. If you have enough interesting material to share prior to your conversion.
- C. If your conversion experience takes up most of your testimony because of the vitality and impact of the *how*. The *before* would then be relatively short.

**Overview/Flashback**

In this approach you give an interesting, rapid overview of your life right up to the present. This overview takes the place of the before in your testimony.



Then flash back to the spiritual dimension of your life. The flashback may go directly to the *how* or just before the *how*. This means that some before might end up in your flashback. You might use this format:

- A. If you came to Christ at an early age.
- B. If you had a drab early life, but have had a more interesting adult life.
- C. If your *how* is very short.

# PERSONAL TESTIMONY WORKSHEET

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BEFORE I became a Christian

HOW I became a Christian

AFTER I became a Christian

# PASSAGE OVERVIEW

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The foundation of any complete and profitable Bible study is that of determining the context and structure of the passage you are studying. You must begin with getting a bird's eye view of the passage you are studying by completing the section entitled "Passage Overview" on your Verse Analysis form. A Passage Overview can include an outline of the chapter or several paragraphs, notes to yourself concerning the context of the passage and a paraphrase of the passage. The purpose of completing this initial section is to get an overall handle of the passage and to clearly understand how the passage fits together.

One common mistake made by people reading the Bible is to take out a verse from a passage and to apply it to their lives wrongly because of a shallow understanding of the entire passage. You will want to make a careful effort to not make this same mistake as you study and read your Bible.

Before beginning to write anything on paper you will want to begin your preparation by praying and asking God to "Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Thy law." (Psalm 119:18)

After you have quieted your heart and cleared your mind of other surrounding paragraphs several times. Make sure you know who principle characters are and their basic circumstances. This will give you additional insight into the rationale of the passage and why the writer is addressing certain issues.

If you chose to outline the passage, please list the verse references which correspond to your written comments. You will find your notes and their references helpful when sharing your findings with others.

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Following is a sample of a possible Passage Overview on the verse Joshua 1:8. Let this sample be a guide to you as your prepare your notes.

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## Passage Overview-

Describe how the verses in the surrounding paragraph and chapter fit together and how the verse(s) you are studying are understood in this context. Note corresponding references.

- I. Joshua's Commissioning verses 1-9
  - A. Be Conquerors (1-5)
  - B. Be Courageous (6,7)
  - C. Be Careful (8,9)
  
- II. Joshua's Commands verses 10-18
  - A. Relocation Preparations (10,11)
  - B. Rest After Victory (12-15)
  - C. Response By The Obedient (16-18)

# DEFINE WORDS

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The second step we will add to our Verse Analysis Bible Study is to Define Words. After your initial Passage Overview it is necessary to carefully define key words in the passage you are studying.

At this point it is not required for you to look any further than at the English definition of the key words. Later in the refining of your Bible study skills you will be encouraged to look at Greek and Hebrew definitions as well.

You will want to use a complete English dictionary, which includes synonyms and various uses of the word. Careful screening of the definitions offered is important when determining how the translators are using the English word.

Another translation or paraphrase of the same passage will also provide helpful insight into the use of the key word. The Amplified Bible and the J.B. Phillips translation contain expanded English definitions of many words.

**Following is a sample of possible definitions of key words in Joshua 1:8. Let this sample be a guide to you as you complete this section entitled Define Words.**

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**Define Words-** Define all the key words in these verses from an English dictionary and original language tools.

*"This Book of the Law"- Word spoken by God on Mt Sinai*

*Meditate- To muse over, contemplate, ponder*

*Careful- using or taking care, vigilant, marked by solicitude, caution or prudence*

*Prosperous- Favorable, marked by success or economic well being*

*Success- satisfactory completion of something, the gaining of wealth and fame*

# CROSS REFERENCES



An important step in complete Bible study is to carefully look at other verses in the Bible, which speak to the issues addressed in the passage you are studying. It has been said that the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible itself.

The key to finding good cross-reference is a well-equipped Study Bible with cross-references in the margin. However, don't limit yourself to what your Bible includes as cross-references. Feel free to use verses you have memorized in the passage you are studying.

You may also find it profitable to secure a reference tool, which contains large numbers of cross-references like a book entitled, Treasury of Scripture Knowledge. The key is not the quantity of references you can find but the depth of the understanding you gain from the passage you note.

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**Cross References--** note the references and lessons learned from significant verses and passages, which relate to the verse(s) studied.

**[This Book of the Law]** Joshua 8:34 - After Ai Joshua read the law - blessings & curses.  
Deut. 31:24 - Moses wrote down the law till it was complete.

**[Mouth]** - Psalm 147:19 - God declares His words to His people.  
Deut. 6:6,7 - God's words should be on our hearts, teach them and talk of them all day.  
Exodus 4:15 - God promises to be with Moses' mouth.  
Isa 59:21 - God's covenant - His words not to depart from their mouths for generations.

**[Meditate]** Gen 24:63 - Isaac was meditating before he met Rebekah  
Psalm 1:2 - Blessed man meditates day & night

**[Prosperous & Successful]** Deut 29:9 - keep covenant to prosper  
1 Sam 18:14 - David prospering because of God's presence.  
Isa 52:13 - God's servant will prosper.

# OBSERVATIONS

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Observation is the act of seeing; taking notice of things as they really are; the art of awareness. Observation depends upon two root attitudes open mind and willing spirit.

Too often people approach Bible study with preconceived notions. Their attitude is, “Don’t confuse me with the facts; my mind is made up! An open mind is necessary for effective study.

A willing spirit is necessary because whenever you guard an area of your life, you hinder understanding. The man who is unwilling to be changed in his marriage will not even see his needs as a husband. The woman who refuses to admit to vanity in their life will probably not see it condemned in the Scriptures.

Accurate observations are the result of reading with diligence, purposefulness, thoughtfulness and inquiry. Reading is not a lazy man’s art. Reading until the Word jogs the mind and hearts requires quality time. As you study, read for the message, not the mileage. “Observation demands concentration! The purpose is to saturate you thoroughly with the content of a passage. Like a sponge you should absorb everything that is before you.”---Oletta Wald

It will help to record what you observe. As you write down your thoughts they become clearer. Many people find it helpful to ask questions as a reporter would when investigating on a story for a newspaper. Use questions like these listed below to aid in your observations:

WHO-- Who are the people involved?

WHAT-- What happened? What ideas are expressed? What resulted?

WHEN-- When did it take place? What was the historical period?

WHERE-- Where did this take place? What is the setting?

WHY-- What is the purpose? What is the stated reason?

HOW-- How are things accomplished? How well? How quickly?

By what method?

# OBSERVATIONS

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Proper observation is the foundation upon which good interpretation and application are built. As you focus on the verse, record your observations on the sections marked *Observations on the Verse* on the Verse Analysis form. Note the following.

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**Observations on the Verse-** (What does it say?) List all possible observations (and corresponding references) and facts which can be derived from these verses.

## JOSHUA 1:8

- This paragraph spoken by God to Joshua (vs1).
- Moses has just died and left Joshua in charge (Deut 34:9).
- God values His word.
- His people are to speak of His word.
- His people are to meditate on it day and night.
- Only proper meditation can result in proper obedience.
- Proper meditation is the key to a successful and prosperous life.
- God's people are to obey all that is in God's book.

# INTERPRETATION

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While making *Observations on the Verse* you are answering the question- “What does it say?”” You have begun to practice the art of carefully noting the raw content of the passage you are studying. However, in this step of *Interpretation* we will begin to ask-- “What does it mean?”

It is important that you reserve this question until now. The most traveled path to improper application of Scriptures jumps too quickly to the process of interpretation before proper observation takes place. It would be premature to arrive at understanding of the meaning of a passage until you thoroughly observe what the author has said.

The goal of accurate interpretation is to arrive at what the author’s original intent was in writing what we are studying. God has preserved His work for us in this form with that purpose in mind. The author had one meaning in mind as he wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Our task is to discover that meaning and its possible implications.

In his book, *Understand: A Straightforward Approach to Interpreting the Bible*, (NavPress, 1976), Walt Henrichsen introduces 24 principles for you to use as guidelines as you complete the Interpretation section of your Verse Analysis Bible Study.

1. Work from the assumption that the Bible is authoritative.
2. The Bible interprets itself; Scripture best explains Scripture.
3. Saving faith and the Holy Spirit are necessary for us to understand and properly interpret the Scriptures.
4. Interpret personal experience in the light of Scripture and not Scripture in the light of personal experience.
5. Biblical examples are authoritative only when supported by a command.
6. The primary purpose of the Bible is to change our lives, not increase our knowledge.
7. Every Christian has the right and responsibility to investigate and interpret the Word of God for himself.
8. Church history is important but not decisive in the interpretation of Scripture.
9. The promises of God throughout the Bible are available to the Holy Spirit for the believers of every generation.
10. Scripture only has one meaning and it should be taken literally.
11. Interpret words in harmony with their meaning in the times of the author.
12. Interpret a word in relation to its sentence and context.
13. Interpret a passage in harmony with its context.
14. When an inanimate object is used to describe a living being, the statement may be considered figurative.

# INTERPRETATION

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15. When an expression is out of character with the thing described, the statement may be considered figurative. These are principal parts and figures when drawing conclusions.
16. The principal parts and figures of a parable represent certain realities. Consider only these principal parts and figures when drawing conclusions.
17. Interpret the words of the prophets in their usual, literal and historical sense, unless the context or manner in which they are fulfilled may be in installments, each fulfillment being a pledge of what is to follow.
18. Since Scripture originated in a historical context, it can be understood only in the light of biblical history.
19. Though God's revelation in the Scriptures is progressive, both Old and New Testaments are essential parts of this revelation and form a unit.
20. Historical facts or events become symbols of spiritual truths only if the Scriptures so designate them.
21. You must understand the Bible grammatically before you can understand it theologically.
22. A doctrine cannot be considered biblical unless it sums up all that the Scriptures say about it.
23. When two doctrines taught in the Bible appear to be contradictory, accept both as scriptural in the confident belief that they resolve themselves in a higher unity.
24. A teaching merely implied in Scripture may be considered biblical when compassions of related passages supports it.

Following is a sample of possible interpretative statements and questions for Joshua 1:8. Let this sample be a guide to you as you complete this section entitled Interpretation.

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**Interpretation--**(What does it mean?) Explain the central truth the author is trying to convey and possible implications.

1. God's Word must not stop coming from my mouth.

2. Meditation (Day & Night) is the key to my fruitful obedience.

Question: Does prosperous & successful mean material or spiritual or both?

3. God's formula for success is based on our intake of and obedience to His word and not on the presence of money or fame.

# PASS-ON-ABLE ILLUSTRATION



## Pass-on-able Illustration

The preceding four steps in the *Verse Analysis* format are primarily geared toward helping you gain increased understanding and correct interpretation of the verse you are studying. The final two steps we will begin looking at today will increase your ability to pull your thoughts together to enable you to share them with others as well as arrive at a life-changing application.

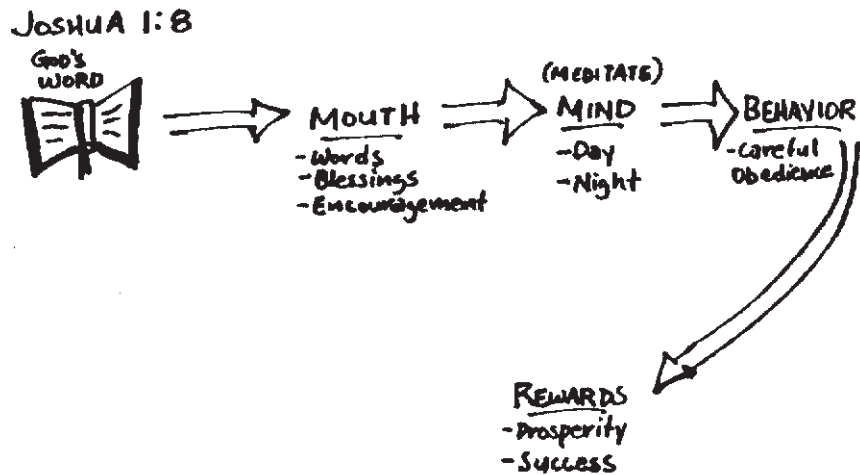
When studying a verse or passage as you have been for the last several weeks, you will find it beneficial to organize your findings in such a way so that you can easily remember them or share them with others. Many times this step will simply be an outline of the major teachings of the verse or you may collect your thoughts in the form of a drawing, illustration or chart. You will want to branch out and experiment with a variety of approaches.

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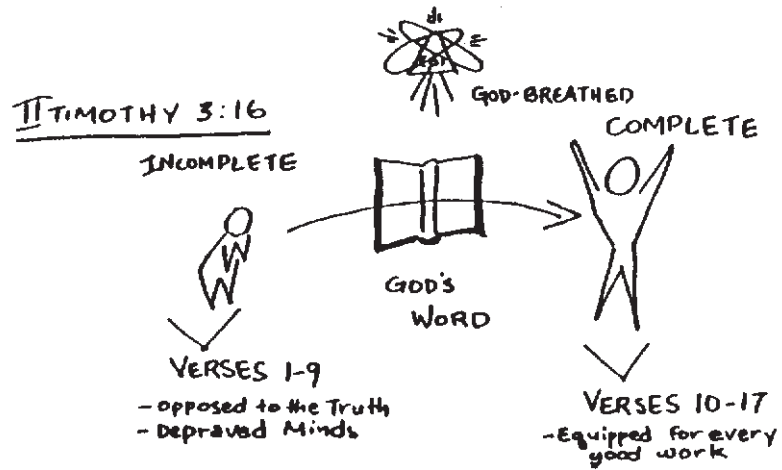
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**Pass-on-able Illustration**-Explain how you would pass on the truth you discovered in these verses to others.



# PASS-ON-ABLE ILLUSTRATION



## MATTHEW 18:20

### THE POWER OF A PAIR (MATTHEW 18:15-20)

1. In Reproof - vs15-17

2. In Prayer - vs18-19

3. In Fellowship - vs20

- Requirements for Christian fellowship

a. 2 or 3 (at least)

b. Gathered together

c. In His name

} Promise of His Presence

In the section marked ILLUSTRATION/PASS-ON-ABLE on the Verse Analysis form, try your hand at creating a summary in a form that will enable you to reap the most from the verse or passage you have studied this week.

# APPLICATION

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Application is putting God's Word into practice--recognizing the voice of the Lord, and responding accordingly. "When I think of Thy ways, I turn my feet to Thy testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep Thy commandments" (Psalm 119:59,60)

The benefit of Bible study is not derived from the method, the technique, or diligent efforts to decipher the text. The benefit is in obeying the voice of the Lord- receiving what He says and putting it into practice. Application doesn't happen by osmosis nor by chance application is by intent!

Application starts with the willing acceptance of truth. A right response to Scripture is characterized by trust, obedience, praise and thanksgiving. The application may include remembering an impressive truth, changing a wrong attitude or taking a positive action.

**Respond to God, not a rule book!** Responses are to be motivated by love. The goal is to glorify God by pleasing Him in every area of life. An unwillingness to apply the Scriptures personally may develop mere intellectual knowledge and spiritual insensitivity to the Lord and to people.

The following list of seven directive questions may help you apply the Word to your life.

1. Is there an example for me to follow?
2. Is there a sin for me to avoid?
3. Is there a command for me to obey?
4. Is there a promise for me to claim?
5. What does this particular passage teach me about God, or about Jesus Christ?
6. Is there a difficulty for me to explore?
7. Is there something in this passage that I should pray about today?



BIBLE STUDY WITHOUT APPLICATION LEADS TO VAIN KNOWLEDGE. KNOWLEDGE IS ONLY IN THE MIND WHILE APPLICATION IS IN THE LIFE.

### How to write an application

Recording your application will help you clarify what you plan to do. It also encourages you to be specific. It is easy to say, "I am going to pray more." That type of application is seldom put into practice. It is far more meaningful to write down, "I am going to spend the first five minutes of my lunch break each day in prayer."

The following four steps may help you write meaningful applications. This is called a "4 P-Plan."

1. PRINCIPLE- "What is the truth I want to apply?"
2. PROBLEM- "What is my need?"
3. PLAN- "What is my plan of action?"
4. PROGRESS- "How can I check my progress?"

Use the space marked *APPLICATION* in your Verse Analysis to develop a "4-P" application for your Bible study next week at the conclusion of your study time.

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Application- What affect does this study have on you?

PRINCIPLE- "Meditate day and night"

PROBLEM- I don't meditate on Scripture enough.

PLAN- Review my verses in the morning and evening to help increase my time to meditate on His word.

PROGRESS- Do this daily this week. Ask my Scripture Memory Review partner to check me next week.

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Unit	Emphasis/Title	To do in Class	Assignment for next week
one	<b>His Spirit</b> I Cor 3:16 I Cor 2:12	<b>Discuss:</b> I Cor 2:12	<b>Memorize:</b> Isaiah 41:10, Phil 4:13 <b>Study</b> Isa 41:10, QT 4 R's <b>Daily Review:</b>
two	<b>His Strength</b> Isa. 41:10 Phil. 4:13	<b>Discuss:</b> Isa. 41:10 <b>Present:</b> The Bridge Illus. Workshop	<b>Memorize:</b> Lam. 3:22,3, Num.23:19 <b>Study:</b> Lam. 3:22,3 QT 4 R's <b>Daily Review</b>
three	<b>His Faithfulness</b> Lam 3:22, 23 Num. 23:19	<b>Discuss:</b> Lam 3:22-3 <b>Share:</b> The Bridge Illus.	<b>Memorize:</b> I Pet. 5:7 <b>Study:</b> I Pet. 5:7 QT 4 R's <b>Daily Review:</b> Spend 2-4 Hrs.W/ God
four	<b>His Peace</b> Isa. 26:3 I Pet. 5:7	<b>Discuss:</b> I Pet. 5:7 <b>Share:</b> The Bridge Illus.	<b>Memorize:</b> Rom. 8:32 <b>Study:</b> Rom. 8:32 QT 4 R's <b>Daily Review:</b>
five	<b>His Provision</b> Rom. 8:32 Phil. 4:19	<b>Discuss:</b> Rom. 8:32	<b>Memorize:</b> Ps. 119:9,11 <b>Study:</b> Ps. 119:9,11 QT 4 R's
six	<b>His Help in Temptation</b> Hebrews 2:18 Ps. 119:9,11	<b>Discuss:</b> Ps. 119:9,11	<b>Memorize:</b> Matt 6:33; Luke 9:23 <b>Study:</b> Matt 6:33 QT 4 R's

# THE BRIDGE



	Stated	Visualized	Illustrated				
God's Plan	-Man turned his back on God by doing his own thing. (Disobedience)	Fellowship	Man ——— God				
		Face to Face					
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		Back to Face					
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A. After he prays ask:

1. What did you do?
2. Where is Christ now?
3. What do you now have?
4. If you were to die tonight.....

B. Write a Spiritual Birth Certificate

“On This date \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ repented from my sins, asked Jesus Christ to come into my life, and committed my life totally to him. According to the Bible I now have eternal life.

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## THE CLOSING

### I. Objectives

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### II. Activities

#### A. After the bridge: Ask

- 1. Do you have any questions?
- 2. How would you cross the bridge? How would you develop a personal relationship with God?
- 3. Where would you place yourself on this diagram? Why?
- 4. Would you like to cross this bridge before you die? Would you like to cross this bridge before you die? What would keep you from making this commitment today?

#### B. Look him/her in the eye, "This is the biggest decision you will ever make."

#### C. How to handle his/her response:

- 1. If he is not interested:
  - Thank him/her
  - Challenge him/her
  - Leave an open door for future contact
- 2. If he/she is interested:
  - A. If he/she wants to pray on his own, encourage him to do it today and get back with them quickly.
  - B. If he/she wants to pray with you:
    - i. You pray first
    - ii. Let him Pray
      - \* Admit sin-Repent
      - \* Believe Christ-Receive
      - \* Commit life to Christ- Relinquish
    - iii. You thank God

# THE BRIDGE



1. MAN ————— GOD

- 5) The Three R's
- R- Repent-Acts 3:19
- R- Receive- John 1:12
- R- Relinquish- Luke 9:23

Revelation 3:20

4) I Peter 3:18 Jesus Christ:  
 -Righteous Son of God  
 -Died for

Sin

Rose from the Death

2) Man

Romans 3:23--All Sin  
 Romans 6:23--All Die  
 Hebrews 9:27--All are Judged  
 Revelation 3:20--All Go to Hell

“ETERNAL LIFE”

3) God

John 5:24  
 -Eternal Life  
 -Does not come into  
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 -John 10:10-Abundant Life

“ETERNAL DEATH”

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