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Essentials for Pastoral Training

1. **Gospel:** Christ's death for sins, His burial, His resurrection, His ascension and return – according to Scriptures. Application of the Gospel to daily Christian living.
2. **Survey of Doctrine:** Essentials of the Christian faith:
 - a) *Bibliology* – the study of the Bible, its inspiration, inerrancy, infallibility and application in life
 - b) *Theology* – the study of God, His nature as head of the Trinity
 - c) *Christology* – the study of Christ, His work on earth, His humanity and role as God the Son
 - d) *Pneumatology* – the study of the Holy Spirit, His work in regeneration, teaching and filling
 - e) *Anthropology* – the study of Man, his fallen condition and need for a Savior
 - f) *Hamartiology* – the study of Sin, its effect on all Mankind and God's wrath toward sin
 - g) *Soteriology* – the study of Salvation, it's purpose, source and fulfillment
 - h) *Angelology/Satanology* – the study of angelic beings in the Bible
 - i) *Ecclesiology* – the study of the Church, it's origins, purpose, foundation and destination
 - j) *Eschatology* – the study of the End Times
3. **Heremeneutics:** Interpreting the Word of God.
4. **Homiletics:** Teaching the Word of God.
5. **Pastoral Care:** Using the Word of God to help others.
6. **Bible History, Timeline, Maps & Charts:** Visual aids for understanding God's plan for history

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What is the Gospel?

With it, one receives eternal life in heaven forever. Without it, one receives eternal death in hell forever. The Gospel is the most important thing any person can know and believe in. The Gospel is Christ's death for our sins, His burial, His resurrection, His ascension and return – all according to Scriptures.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. (1Cor 15:1-5)

Man is born in sin. Everything he does is sinful and separates him from the holy God.

Psalms 51:5 & Ecclesiastes 7:20 & Rom 3:23 & Rom 5:12 & James 3:2 & 1 John 1:8-10

There is nothing man can do to fix his sinful nature.

Isaiah 64:6 & Job 14:4 & Job 25:4-6 & Rom 8:7-8 & Eph 2:3

Man's sin deserves the wrath of God and results in eternal punishment in hell.

Genesis 2:17 & Ezekiel 18:4 & Rom 2:6-8 & Rom 6:23 & Rom 8:7 & Gal 3:10

Because of God's great love, He sent Jesus to die for our sins.

John 3:16 & 1 John 3:1 & 1 John 4:9 & Eph 2:5

Jesus lived a perfect life without sin, was crucified for our sins, died, buried and rose again.

Rom 5:6-8 & Isaiah 53:6 & 1 Peter 3:18 & Col 1:21-22 & Col 2:13-15

By faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ, we are saved by His grace from the wrath of God.

Eph 2:8-9 & Rom 5:6-11 & Eph 1:7 & Rom 3:24-25 & Rom 10: 9-10 & Acts 16:31 & Acts 10:43 & Acts 4:12

Jesus is coming back to earth one day to right all wrongs, punish evil and sin, and create a new heaven and new earth.

2 Thess 1:5-10 & Matt 13:40-43 & Matt 16:27 & Mark 8:38 & 2 Cor 5:9-10 & Eph 6:8 & 2 Peter 3:10-13



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What is Doctrine, and why is it important?

If we desire to be men and women of God, it is important to know what His Word says and how we must apply these words to our lives. Doctrine is the understanding of what the Bible teaches.

Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Tim 4:11-16)

THE BIBLE

The Bible is the perfect and true Word of God, without error, lasting forever.

Psalms 18:30 & Psalms 19:7-12 & 2 Peter 1:16-21 & Luke 16:17 & Isaiah 40:8

The Bible is effective for all areas of life, to teach and correct us for Godliness.

2 Tim 3:14-17 & Prov 6:23 & Psalms 119:9-11 & Psalms 119:97-104 & Psalms 119:130 & Eph 4:11-16

GOD THE FATHER

God is holy, perfect, eternal, merciful, all powerful, all knowing. He is love, truth, just.

Isaiah 6:1-4 & Rev 4:8 & Rev 15:3-4 & Psalms 136 & 1 John 4:8 & Exod 34:5-8 & Psalms 145:5-8 & Ps 103:8-13

God is the creator of all and His primary desire is for His glory and power to be known.

1 Chron 29:10-13 & Ps 19:1-3 & Ps 72:19 & Is 40:5, 28 & Is 45:18 & Jer 32:19 & Habakuk 2:14 & Rev 15:4

GOD THE SON

Jesus is the eternal Son of God, creator of the world, one with God, completely human, and sinless.

John 1:1-3 & John 1:14 & John 17:1-5 & 2 Cor 5:21 & Colossians 1:15-20 & 1 John 2:20-23

By faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ, we are saved by His grace from the wrath of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 & Romans 5:6-11 & Ephesians 1:7 & Romans 3:24-25 & Acts 16:31 & Acts 10:43 &

Jesus is coming back to earth one day to right all wrongs, punish evil and sin, and create a new heaven and new earth.

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 & Matthew 13:40-43 & Matthew 16:27 & Mark 8:38 & 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 & Ephesians 6:8

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is one with God, regenerates, indwells, teaches, convicts, and intercedes for believers.

John 3:4-8 & John 14:26 & John 16:5-15 & Romans 8:12-17 & Romans 8:26-27 & 2 Cor 3:17

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are three Persons in One God – the Trinity.

Deut 6:4-6 & Deut 4:35 & Psalms 110:1 & Is 48:16-17 & Matt 3:16-17 & 1 Cor 8:6 & John 14:26 & 1 John 5:6-8

MAN

God created Man, male and female, in His image as the head of creation, to have fellowship with Him.

Gen 1:26-28 & Gen 5:1 & Acts 1:24-27 & Gen 9:3 & James 3:7

Man fell into sin and is cursed with death. He is an enemy of God, unable to do anything righteous.

Gen 2:15-17 & Gen 3:14-19 & Is 24:5-6 & Rom 5:12 & Rom 3:23 & Rom 6:23 Rom 8:7-8 & Heb 11:6 & Jam 1:15

SIN

Sin separates us from God, corrupts everything we do. God will judge all wicked people with wrath.

Deut 32:39-41 & Ps 14:1-3 & Prov 6:16-19 & Is 53:6 & Jeremiah 17:9 & Rom 3:10-18 & James 1:15

Sin always results in spiritual and physical confusion, slavery and death.

Gen 3:17-19 & Rom 1:32 & Rom 5:12 & Rom 6:16 & Rom 6:23 & Heb 9:22 & & Heb 9:27 & Rev 21:8

SALVATION

Man cannot save himself. Only the holy Son of God, Jesus Christ, can reconcile man to God.

Job 15:4 & Prov 20:9 & John 8:24 & John 8:31-32 & John 14:6 & Acts 4:12 & 1 Peter 3:18

God predestined us for good works and eternal salvation, according to His good will.

Deut 7:6 & Matt 11:27 & John 8:51 & John 10:25-30 & John 15:16 & Rom 8:28-39 & Eph 1:3-6 & 2 Thess 2:13-14

ANGELS & SATAN

Angels are spiritual servants, created by God. Man should not worship angels.

Ps 103:20 & Pd 104 & Ps 104:4 & Col 1:16 & Col 2:18 & Heb 1:7 & Heb 1:14 & Rev 19:10

Satan and demons are fallen angels. There is no salvation for them, and they will end in hell.

Ezek 28:15-17 & Matt 8:29 & Matt 25:41 & Eph 6:11-12 & 2 Peter 2:4 & Jude 1:6 & Rev 20:10

CHURCH

The Church is the everlasting body of all believers, the Bride of Christ, purchased with His blood.
Ps 22:22 & Is 62:5 & Matt 16:13-19 Matt 28:19-20 & Acts 9:31 & Acts 20:28 & Eph 5:29-30 & 1 Pet 2:9 & Rev 5:9

We must meet orderly and regularly for ministry, teaching, prayer, fellowship and communion.
Luke 8:21 & Acts 2:42 & 1 Cor 7: 17 & 1 Cor 14:40 & 1 Tim 4:13 & 2 Tim 4:1-4 & Titus 1:5

END TIMES

The Lord will return to raise believers to eternal heaven and cast unbelievers to eternal hell.
Job 19:25-27 & Ps 17:15 & Dan 12:2 & Matt 24:3-51 & John 5:27-29 & 1 Thess 4:13-18 & 2 Thess 1:5-12



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How to interpret the Bible

The Bible is God's holy Word. To know, obey and worship God in Spirit and Truth, we must study and properly interpret His Word, and guard against temptations to incorrectly interpret the Bible.

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness. (2 Tim 2:14-16)

DEFINITIONS

Revelation: The act of the Holy Spirit giving Truth to man that he cannot learn through his own intellect, reason, knowledge or understanding.

Inspiration: The act of the Holy Spirit guiding the authors of the Bible in such a way that they write His Word in Truth, accurately and without error.

Illumination: The act of the Holy Spirit teaching and guiding students of His Word in Truth so that they understand and are convicted by His Word.

Interpretation: The prayerful use of Scriptural principles used by the illuminated student so that he can understand the Truth of what the Holy Spirit teaches in His Word.

PRINCIPLES

Truth: The Bible teaches us that God's Word is True and without error.

Deut 32:4 & Ps 12:6 & Ps 18:30 & Ps 19:7-10 & Ps 119:9-11 & Ps 119:72 & Rom 7:12 & 2 Tim 3:15-17 & Jam 1:17

Clarity: The Bible teaches us that God's Word is clear and makes simple people wise.

Deut 6:6-7 & Ps 119:96-100 & Ps 119:105 & Ps 119:129-130 & Prov 1:2-7 & 2 Cor 1:13 & Heb 5:14 & Jam 1:5-6

GUIDELINES

When interpreting a passage, we should keep the following guidelines in mind:

Literal Interpretation: Read each passage as literal, plain language unless the context requires an allegorical or poetic interpretation.

Consistent Context: The meaning of a verse should be consistent with the context of the passage. If a verse doesn't make sense, perhaps the passage is not being properly interpreted.

Covenant: Because God requires different things of His people in different Covenants, we must be careful not to apply ideas from one covenant to another.

Scripture Interprets Scripture: Use clear passages to help interpret difficult passages.

One Interpretation: Each verse and passage may have multiple applications, but only have one interpretation and meaning. It means only what the author intended.

Harmony: Because all of God's Words are pure and holy, the interpretation of one passage should never contradict the interpretation of another passage.

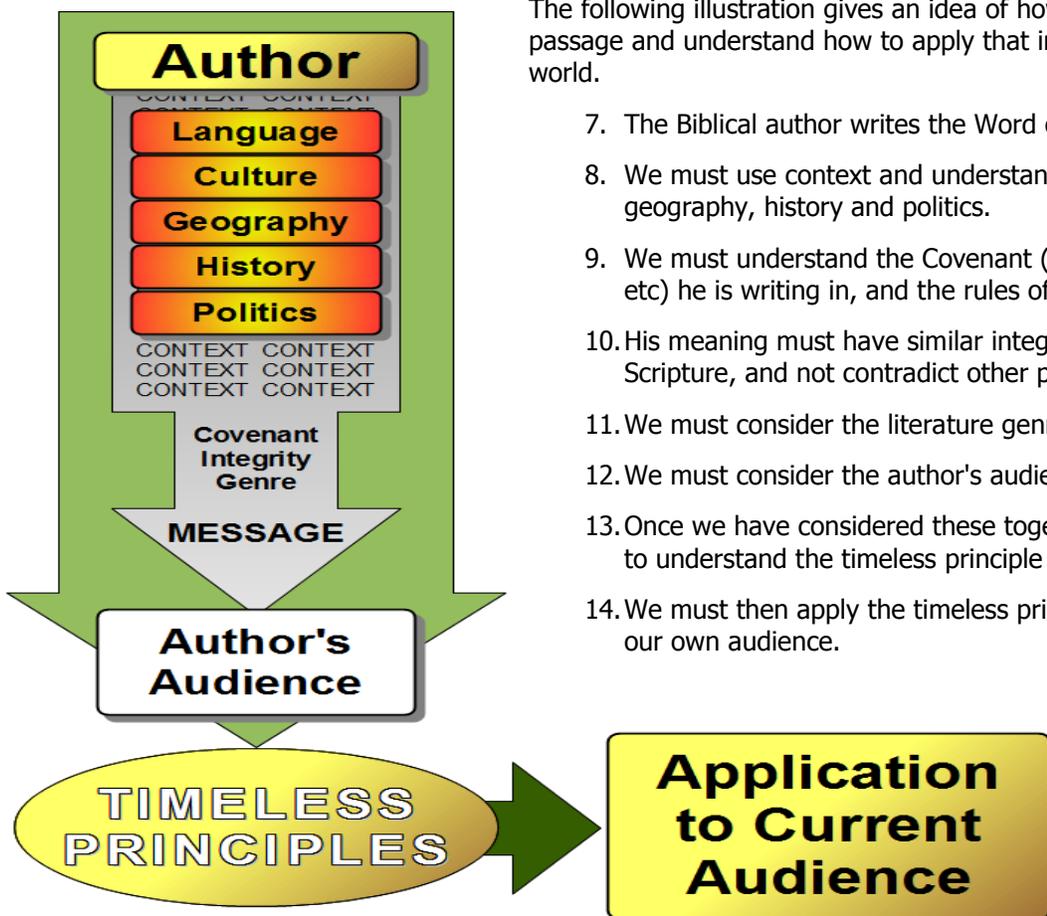
Genre: Different language forms (genres) were used in different places in the Bible: Biography and history, poetry, wise sayings, prophecy, doctrine.

Audience: Because we do not have the same language, culture, geography, history and politics, some phrases do not mean the same thing to us as it meant to the author's original audience.

APPLICATION

The following illustration gives an idea of how to properly interpret a passage and understand how to apply that interpretation to our own world.

7. The Biblical author writes the Word of God.
8. We must use context and understand his language, culture, geography, history and politics.
9. We must understand the Covenant (Law, New Covenant, etc) he is writing in, and the rules of that Covenant.
10. His meaning must have similar integrity with the rest of Scripture, and not contradict other passages.
11. We must consider the literature genre.
12. We must consider the author's audience.
13. Once we have considered these together, we are better able to understand the timeless principle the author is describing.
14. We must then apply the timeless principle of God's Word to our own audience.





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How to teach the Bible

As we grow in our understanding of God and His Word, we are commanded to teach others.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (2 Tim 4:1-2)

To be able to teach a passage of the Bible, we must ask 3 questions:

15. What does the passage say?
16. What does the passage mean?
17. How do I apply the truths of this passage to my life?

HOMILETICS

There are many different good ways to study a Bible passage and then teach it. Using the following method is simple and rewarding.

1. **Prayer.** Always begin your Bible study with prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you (John 14:26). The Word of God is spiritual food, and we need His help to receive spiritual understanding.
2. **Topics.** Write 15-25 short sentences for each of the thoughts in the passage you want to teach. Each topic will summarize one or two verses.
3. **Outline.** Organize the topics into 3-5 points that summarize the topics from Step 2. This outline will be your main teaching points.
4. **Subject.** Write a subject sentence that will summarize your outline. This will be the focus of your teaching and should be the main truth you want your audience to learn.
5. **Aim.** Write a sentence that is the goal of what you want your audience to learn. Be sure to repeat this sentence while teaching your audience.
6. **Application.** Write 3-5 application questions based on your outline. The questions should not be 'yes' or 'no' questions, but rather, questions that provoke thought about the passage.

After you have prepared your topics, outline, subject and application points, you are ready to teach the passage. Your preparation will give you a better understanding of the passage and will help you teach the passage in such a way that you can give your audience specific points that will help them take action based on the passage.

HOMILETICS EXAMPLE – JOHN 9

The following example demonstrates how to use the homiletics to study John chapter 9. When you have completed this study, you will be prepared to teach your audience the truths of God's Word from John 9.

1 Jesus sees man blind from birth
2 Disciples inquire on blind status
3-5 Jesus gives purpose of blindness: reveal God
6-7 Jesus makes mud, applies, tells man to wash

8-9 People comment on blind man seeing
10 People ask him how he got sight
11 Man recounts healing
12-14 Man brought before Pharisee for healing on Sabbath

15 Man accused by Pharisees
16 Pharisees deny Godliness since miracle violates Sabbath law
17 Pharisees interrogate man again
18-19 Pharisees interrogate parents
20-23 Parents shirk answering for fear of excommunication
24-26 Pharisees interrogate man again
27 Man mocks Pharisees
28-29 Pharisees swear allegiance to Moses
30-33 Man connects miracle to the hand of God
34 Man is excommunicated

35-37 Jesus finds man and reveals Himself as the Son of God
38 Man worships Jesus
39-41 Jesus pronounces judgment on spiritually blind hypocrites

1 Jesus heals blind man (1-7)

2 People react to blind man seeing (8-14)

3 Pharisees interrogate man and parents (15-34)

4 Jesus reveals Himself as Son of God, capable of Judging (35-41)

Subject: Jesus healed a blind man; the blind man is accused by Pharisees, but worships Jesus.

Aim: Jesus is Lord of the blind. He can give sight to the blind and will one day judge the spiritually blind.

Application:

1. How does Jesus bring you spiritual sight?
2. What is your reaction when you see Jesus helping someone?
3. Do you support or resist God's work in someone else's life?
4. How will Jesus judge you?