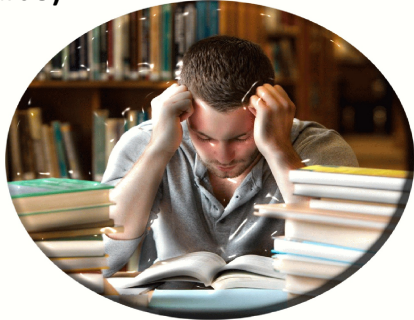


# The Making of Disciples

Lesson 10/5

## Rules for Interpretation (Part 5)



### Textbooks:

- 1 The Word of God - the Bible
- 2 *The Doctrine of Interpretation* by Arthur W. Pink.

### Tools:

- Bible Software such as, E-Sword, Biblehub, etc.
- Notebook and something to write with.
- ★ (Luke 12:48) Since God expects **much more** of our generation than those who have gone before us we are under obligation to use the gifts that God has provided for us. We are now stewards of God's Word and the tools His has provided for us to use for His glory. Not to use all that God has given constitute a great sin against God. We will never hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant; . . . Enter into the joy of your Lord." (Matthew 25:21, 23; 11:20-24)

### Rules So Far:

- 1 **Interdependence** between the Old and New Testaments.
  - ★ One must be a student of the Old Testament to understand the New Testament.
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★ Man LIVES on EVERY word of God. (Luke 4:4; Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

★ We are to declare the **whole** counsel of God. (Acts 20:20)

### 2 Scriptural Quotations.

☆ Special attention must be given to how the Holy Spirit uses the Old Testament in the New Testament.

### 3 Analogy of Scripture.

#### Analogy of Faith

We NEVER say, "This verse says this therefore the Bible says . . .". BUT, instead, we always say, "The Bible says this, therefore, this verse must mean . . ."

### 4 Context - Context - Context

### Rule #5 - Collecting & Collating

- Biblical principles are established by taking into account all that God has to say about a given subject.
- A disciple will collect and collate passages that deal with the same subject.
- In collecting all passages, a disciple get a **balanced** understanding of the subject at hand.
- Some examples:
  - Prayer
    - ★ John 15:16
    - ☆ John 14:13
    - ★ John 16:23
    - ☆ John 15:7
    - ★ Matthew 6:9-13
    - ☆ 1 John 5:14-15
    - ★ James 4:3
    - ☆ 1 John 3:22
    - ★ James 5:16 (Proverbs 15:8, 29; 28:9)
    - ☆ 1 Thessalonians 5:17; **Luke 18:1**; Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2
    - ★ 1 Peter 4:7

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- The Great Commission
  - ★ Matthew 28:18-20
  - ☆ Luke 24:45-49
  - ★ Mark 16:15-16
- Regeneration
  - ★ John 3:5,7,8
  - ☆ John 1:13
  - ★ James 1:18; 1 John 3:9
  - ☆ 1 Corinthians 5:17
  - ★ Colossians 3:10
  - ☆ Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26-27
  - ★ Hebrews 8:10
  - ☆ 1 John 5:20
- Grace
  - ☆ Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10
  - ★ Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7
  - ☆ 2 Timothy 1:9
  - ★ Titus 2:11-12
  - ☆ James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5

- God has joined **together** repentance and believing. (Mark 1:15-16; Luke 24:47; Acts 17:30; 20:21; Luke 13:1-5)
  - ★ BIBLICAL REPENTANCE: Turn away from your own opinion of what you think is right to living your life in accordance with written Word of God
- God has made Jesus **LORD and SAVIOUR**. (Acts Luke 2:11; Philippians 3:20; Titus 1:4; 2 Peter 1:11; 2:20; 3:2, 18; Acts 2:36)
- God has joined **together** grace and works. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 2:11-14; Colossians 1:10; Titus 3:14; James 2:14-26)
- God has joined **together** regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification.
  - ★ If there is no sanctification (growth in holiness) then there was no regeneration and there was no justification and there will be no glorification.

## Rule #6 – Never Sever What God Has Joined

- Man, by nature, is a creature of extremes.
- A disciple must be careful not to emphasize on truth at the cost of another truth.
- The Church has a responsibility to preach the whole counsel of God.
- We preach that man is to live his life on “every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (Deut 8:3; Matt 4:4; Luke 4:4)
- For example, the Jews erred greatly in emphasizing the glories of the Christ in the Messianic prophecies while ignoring those Messianic prophecies that foretold His sufferings.
- God has joined **together** in His Word His sovereignty with human responsibility.
  - Look at Acts 2:23
- God has joined **together** the doctrine of election and the use of means.
  - Look at 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- God has joined **together** the doctrine of particular redemption (Christ dying for His people; Matthew 1:21; John 6:37-39; 10:28-29; 17:2-3) and the command to “preach the gospel to every creature”. (Mark 16:15)

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