

Review Questions on Interpretation

Sharing Question Apart from the Scriptures, in your experience what written document have you most carefully interpreted? What was it? Why were you so attentive?

How to Productively Study the Word

Fill in, and briefly explain, the first five steps to productively studying the Word of God.

D _____ =

F _____ =

S _____ =

O _____ =

I _____ =

Look up Psalm 1. Using the chart below, find as many instances of the laws of composition as you can.

Law of composition Relevant words (with reference)

Contrast but the wicked are not so (v.4)

Do a textual reconstruction of Psalm 1.

List from memory, the first five steps in productively studying the Word of God.

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-3-

-4-

-5-

State the three basic principles of literal interpretation.

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Match the law of composition on the right with the appropriate "nutshell" definition on the left.

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| ___ repeated use of similar words/phrases | a. Repetition |
| ___ association of like things | b. Continuity |
| ___ inclusion of background | c. Contrast |
| ___ planned cause & effect | d. Comparison |
| ___ questions & answer | e. General to Particulars |
| ___ reiteration of the same terms | f. Cause to Effect |
| ___ association of opposites | g. Preparation |
| ___ concept to concrete instance | |

___ "A" produces "B"

h. Interrogation

i. Means to End

Special Projects

Note every instance you can find of the laws of composition in Galatians 5:25-6:10. Work verse by verse and record your findings below.

law of composition relevant words (with reference)

Make a textual reconstruction of Galatians 5:25-6:10

Look again at your observations and interpretive questions. Begin to answer your questions. Answer only one question at a time. If it helps, restate the data and/or question before giving your answer.

Remember to carefully apply the techniques you have learned (for example, in making a word study, find the possible uses and then determine the precise use in the Galatians context).

Write down your answers in a clear and concise fashion. If you can't answer a question, come back to it later. Use additional paper as needed.

In 5:25 the construction is a first-class condition. That is, the "if" clause is assumed to be true. Thus it could be rendered since we live by the Spirit. Walking by the Spirit, then, is a natural corollary to living by the Spirit. The one is expected to lead to the other, to follow as a matter of course. (However, note the exhortation let us also walk)

Vine states that peripateo is used "figuratively, signifying the whole round of the activities of the individual life." Of stoicheo, he writes, "from stoichos, a row, signifies to walk in line, and is used metaphorically of walking in relation to others (No. 1 peripateo) is used more especially of the individual walk)..in Gal. 5:25 it is used of walking 'by the Spirit,' R.V., in an exhortation to keep step with one another in submission of heart to the Holy Spirit, and therefore of keeping step with Christ, the great means of unity and harmony in a church (contrast No. 1 in verse. 16; verse 25 begins a new section which extends to 6:10)". It would appear that, beginning with 5:25, there is a greater emphasis on the interpersonal dimension of spiritual living (and note the "one anothers" in 5:26; 6:2; also compare 6:1,6,9,10 where interpersonal matters are central).