

Application - What does it require?

Everything that has been done up to this point remains useless until it is **applied**. Now we look

for a rule, principle, truth, standard, a guideline of truth that we can live by.

1. **Summarize** (this is the exegetical idea)...**how did it apply**? Determine and write one complete

sentence in the past tense, third person on how it applied to **the original readers**.

2. **Principlize** (this is the theological idea)...**how does it apply**? Now restate the above-

summarized statement in the present tense, second person so that it remains **true to everyone**

anytime any circumstance.

3. **Personalize** (this is the applicational idea)...**how will it apply**? **Now apply it to yourself**

today in your present situation.

How will you look at life differently because of this study?

How does this relate to your life? What will you do about it?

How will you live today differently as result of this truth?

Is there a challenge you need to face?

One goal of Bible study is sanctification. Application should be as concrete as possible, as pointed as possible, as clear as possible. If you walk away with one clear and sharp idea of how your life will never be the same because of the study, you feel challenged and more in love with God and empowered by the Holy Spirit, then your study has succeeded. If you have a list of 12 limp and fuzzy things, you are not done with the passage. Biblical application is more like a two-edged sword than a limp rag. Remember to be open and willing, honest, specific, and ready.

Change will happen!