

### Context Factor

There is no understanding of the Bible without a proper understanding of context. Each verse must be understood in the context of the chapter, the book of the Bible, and within the context of the entire Bible.

### People Factor

There is no correct understanding of the Bible without understanding that the Bible is written to three types of people - Jew, Gentile, and the Church of God. All the Bible is written for you but not all the Bible is written to you.

### Time Factor

The bible has proper divisions, and you must understand these divisions properly in order to understand the message. For example, even though Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are in the New Testament section of the bible; each books writings are happening under the Old Testament Law. New Testament was not in effect until the "Testator" Jesus Christ died.

### Application Factor

All Scripture has three basic applications - historical, doctrinal, and inspirational.

### Individual Word Factor

God has chosen every event and every individual word in the Bible for a specific purpose. See Psalm 12:6-7, Proverbs 30:5-6

### Creation Factor

The invisible things of God are understood by the creation which He has made.

### Comparison Factor

The Bible is of no private interpretation. We understand His Word by comparing Scripture with Scripture. The Bible defines itself. 1st Corinthians 2:13

### Consistency Factor

The Bible must be understood in light of God's consistency.

### Literal Factor

Always take a passage literally until it is impossible to do so, or if we have the clear instruction of Scripture that we are dealing with symbolism.

### Attitude Factor

Always be prepared to change whatever you have been taught or you have believed when it goes contrary to the Bible. Never make the Bible line up with what you believe. Always line yourself up with what the Bible clearly says.

### Clarity Factor

Never violate a clear passage when trying to understand an obscure passage and don't twist a passage to make it fit. 2nd Peter 3:16

### Question Factor

Never base a doctrine on a question. Questions are designed to amplify or help explain something.

### Confirmation Factor

Never base a doctrine on a single verse or passage.

### Maturity Factor

When coming upon a passage that you do not understand, you must never violate the principles of Bible study. If you still can't understand it, either God does not choose to reveal it, or you're simply not ready for it yet. John 16:12

## Apparent Contradiction Factor

Always give the Bible the benefit of the doubt. There are no contradictions in God's word, only apparent contradictions. God makes no mistakes.  
Proverbs 30:5-6



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