Observation

Lesson #2
June 12, 2016
Bible Study Methods

1. Preparation
   - Saved and sanctified and praying

2. Observation
   - What does the text say?
   - Psalm 119:18 “Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.”
Bible Study Methods

1. Preparation
2. Observation
3. Interpretation
   - What does the text mean?
4. Application
   - How do I respond?

You must do all the steps in this order!!!
Select a text

- A shorter passage is more manageable
- Select a text that includes the whole argument
- Use the paragraph breaks in your English Bible
  - Use multiple English translations!
Therefore [then]

Conjunction: connects words/phrases/paragraphs together
Therefore [then]

be careful [See] ⭐

➢ Verb – command
➢ Active voice
15 Therefore [then]
be careful [See]

how you walk [walk circumspectly]

Adverb (how): modifies a verb
15 Therefore [then] be careful [See] ★
  how you walk [walk circumspectly]
  not as unwise men [fools]
  but as wise,

◆ Conjunction (as): comparative (2x)
◆ Conjunction (but): adversative
Therefore [then]
be careful [See] ★
how you walk [walk circumspectly]
not as unwise men [fools]
but as wise,

making the most of your time,

Participle (making): verbal-adjective
Intensive (most): places emphasis
Therefore [then]
be careful [See] ★
   how you walk [walk circumspectly]
not as unwise men [fools]
but as wise,
making the most of your time,
because the days are evil.

Conjunction (because): causal
NASB

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

- Therefore
- walk
- 1 sentence
- unwise
- making
- of your time
- because the days are evil

NLT

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

- So
- live
- 3 sentences
- fools
- make
- of every opportunity
- in these evil days
2 John 1:1

The elder to the chosen lady and her children (NASB)

From the elder, to an elect lady and her children (NET)

This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to the chosen lady and to her children (NLT)
How to slow down

1. Read from a different language
   (Hebrew/Greek, Spanish, French, German)

2. Read from multiple translations
   (note differences/similarities)

3. Write out the text

4. Memorize the text

5. Pray