

Bible Study Methods
Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

Application – Cultural Commands

Lesson #6
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Goals for the Summer

- **Increase independence in Bible Study**
- **Learn to exercise discernment**

Outline

- I. 5 step method (1-6)**
 - 1. Preparation**
 - 2. Observation**
 - 3. Interpretation**
 - 4. Evaluation**
 - 5. Application**
- II. Genres of Scripture (7-13)**

Hermeneutics

A set of rules used to interpret the Bible

Literal

- Every word has the same meaning it would have in normal usage
- There are metaphors, figures of speech etc....

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 **Grammatical**

○ The meaning of the text is in the grammar of the text

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Historical

- Time
- Culture
- Geography
- Language (Hebrew/Aramaic, Greek)

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 **Literary**

- Different genres have unique characteristics.

Transferable or Nontransferable?

1. We are not obligated to obey the Mosaic Law
 - Hebrews 7:12
 - Leviticus 19:28, 20:13

Transferable or Nontransferable?

2. If a command/practice is repeated throughout Scripture, it is transferable to us
 - Genesis 9:6 → Matthew 26:52
 - 1 Corinthians 15:29?

Transferable or Nontransferable?

3. If a command pertains to a non repeatable/unique circumstance, it is not transferred to us
 - Genesis 6:14
 - Matthew 21:1-3

Transferable or Nontransferable?

4. If a command/practice pertains to a situation which has been revoked, then it is not transferred to us
 - 1 Corinthians 14:5 with 1 Corinthians 13:8
 - Mark 16:17-18

Transferable or Nontransferable?

- 5.** If a command/practice is related to an eternal truth, it is transferred to us
- Genesis 9:6 “for in the image of God He made man.”
 - 1 Timothy 2:12-13 “for it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.”
 - Ephesians 5:22-24 “for...as Christ is the head of the church”

Transferable or Nontransferable?

5. If a command/practice is related to an eternal truth, it is transferred to us

○ 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Creation Order (7-9)

Angels (10)

Nature (13-15)

Church Practice (16)

Transferable or Nontransferable?

6. If obeying a command/practice varies from culture to culture, and the command/practice is not related to an eternal truth, then it is not transferable

- Holy kiss (Ro 16:16; 1 Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; 1 Th 5:26; 1 Pt 5:14)
- Ecclesiastes 9:8

- ✓ **Every command is inspired and profitable!**
- ✓ **Every command has some principle for us today!**
- ✓ **My principles may not be exhaustive, so exercise discernment with caution!**