

<p>Basic Content</p>	<p>The readers' friends of "who? what? where? when?" prove most helpful. Moreover, the matters of "why" and "how" can be particularly powerful tools in probing deeply below the surface.</p>
<p>Key Words Word Meanings</p>	<p>When you first read a passage, look for the key words important to the passage. Repetition of words will sometimes give you a clue. Underline them in your Bible. Make note of words which you might want to study in detail.</p>
<p>Important Connectives</p> <p>Conjunctions, Prepositions' adverbs</p>	<p>Connectives are very important in revealing key ideas and relationships. Be on the alert for some of the following: but – introduces a contrast if – introduces conditional clause (If...then...) for, because, therefore – introduces reason or results clause in order that – prepares for a "purpose" statement in, into, with, by, upon – prepositions after, while, until, immediately – adverbs</p>
<p>Historical / Cultural Context</p>	<p>Be sensitive to cultural issues and values involving either the characters in a narrative or the writer of the passage. Be alert to the historical, political, economic, and cultural framework which is foundational to a passage's 1st Century meaning. In fact, these matters are <i>always</i> at work!</p>
<p>Grammatical Construction</p> <p>Verbs, nouns, pronouns adverbs, adjectives words of scope</p>	<p>Note the grammatical construction. Be on the alert for verbs and their tenses (past-present-future), for the use of pronouns (singular-plural), and for adverbs and adjectives and the way they enhance-illuminate the passage. <i>Note words of scope:</i> All, each, every, some, many, none, etc. <i>Note words of time:</i> After, while, immediately</p>
<p>Atmosphere Tone</p>	<p>Note the general tone of a passage. It may be characterized by the mood of joy, thanksgiving, concern, humility, zeal, anger, or caution. Moreover, the tone of a passage may vary as a writer moves from one idea to another. Also note the use of "emotive" words, and phrases to reveal feelings.</p>

