



## BASIC BIBLE STUDY RULES

### Motives

**Less Mature: WCIMOD?** \_\_\_\_\_  
What Can I Make Others Do?

**More Mature: WSID?** \_\_\_\_\_  
What Should I Do?

**Even More Mature: GCtG:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Grow Closer to God

### Process

**Observation: WDIS?** \_\_\_\_\_  
What Does It Say?

**Insight: WDIM?** \_\_\_\_\_  
What Does It Mean?

**Action: WSID?** \_\_\_\_\_  
What Should I Do?

**Change: WSIB?** \_\_\_\_\_  
Who Should I Be?

### Applying Core Principles

**1. RiMiTAWB:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Reality is More Important Than Anything We Believe

**2. APMBCA:** \_\_\_\_\_  
All Principles Must Be Consistently Applied

**3. TBitUPSMfC:** \_\_\_\_\_  
The Bible is the Undisputed Primary Source Material for Christianity

### AGATHOS VIEW OF THE BIBLE

**BIBLE.** The 66 books of the Bible are the Word of God, perfect in their *original manuscript form* and in their *original languages*.

This allows for poetic style, difference in styles based upon the writer, parables, illustrations, quotes, and even where the document itself warns you - for human statements...

**1 Corinthians 7:25:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion ...

**Note:** If here Paul says "I have no command from the Lord," that implies ...

**Matthew 15:6, John 10:35, Romans 3:2** - The Old Testament Scripture is called "The Word of God"

**2 Timothy 3:16** - "*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.*"

**2 Peter 3:16** - Paul's Letters referred to as Scripture by Peter.

This is still not "dictating word for word what God said." We DO assume that every word is exactly the word God intended - EVEN in allowing Paul to insert his "mistake" - with the warning beforehand.

### BASIC AGATHOS IDEALS

When there are more than one possible meanings...

Action or Expectation

Active or Passive

Advance or Retreat

Be or Seem to Be

Change Self or Change Others

Character or Mere Behavior

Complete or Simplistic

Conquer or Withdraw

Design Faith or

Intervention Faith

Do or Seem to Do

Fact or Feeling

Faith or Disbelief

Freedom or Law

Give or Receive

Glorify God or Diminish God

Hard Truth or Easy Cliché

Honor God or Dishonor God

Inclusive or Exclusive

Intelligent Faith or Blind Faith

Joy or Complaint

Love or Hate

Objective or Subjective

Original Language or English

Personal Growth or

Begrudging Obedience

Reconcile or Tension

Responsibility or Right

Seek Value in Opposition or

Counter Attack

Strength or Safety

Stewardship or Trust

Trust or Challenge

Understand or Caricaturize

Who You Are or What You Do