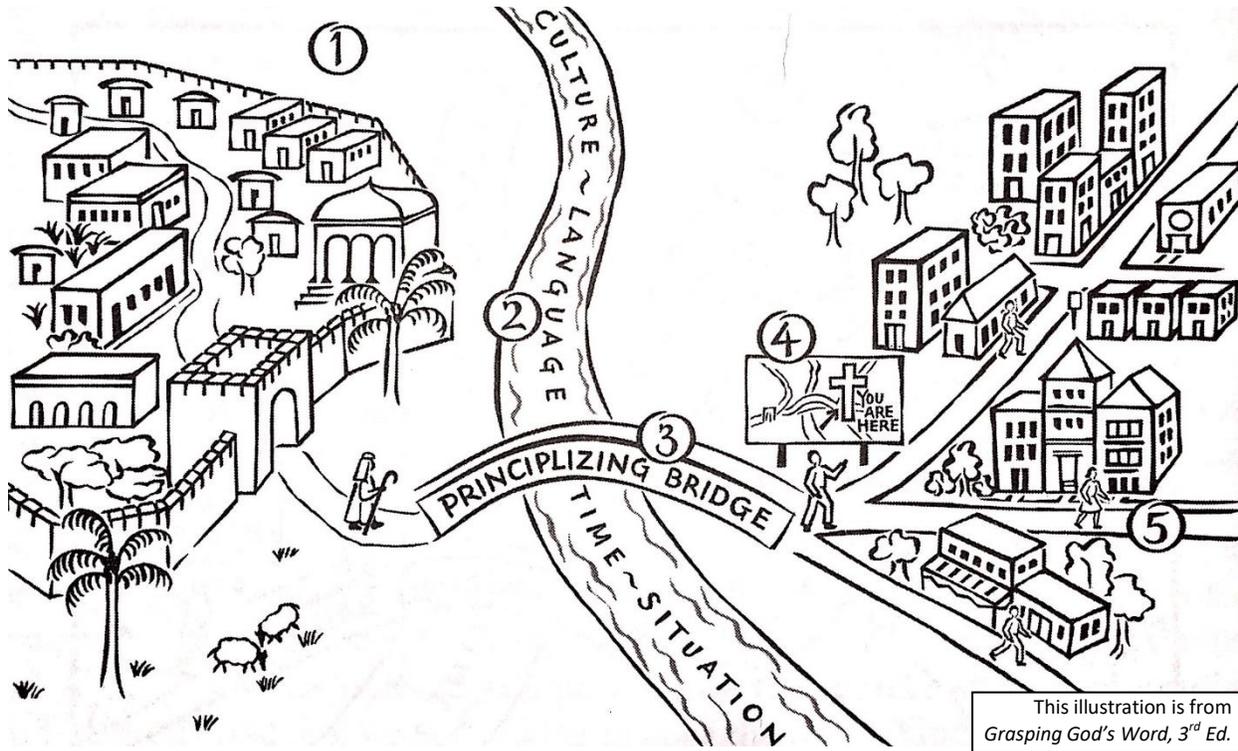


How to Read The Book

Lesson 9—Principlizing¹

Review of the Journey



Step 1: Grasp the text in their town. What did the text mean to the _____?

Step 2: Measure the width of the river. What are the _____ between the biblical audience and us?

Step 3: Cross the principlizing bridge. What is the _____ in this text?

Step 4: Consult the biblical map. How does this theological principle _____ with the _____ of the _____?

Step 5: Grasp the text in our town. How should individual _____ today _____ the principle?

Grasping the Text in Their Town

Step 1 is to _____.

Step 2 is to _____.

Step 3 is to _____.

Step 4 is to _____.

¹This course is based primarily on content from *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible, 3rd Edition*, by J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012).

Measuring the Width: The Differences and Similarities

Look for and list any _____ between our situation today and their situation back then.

Identify any unique aspects of the _____ of your passage.

Principlizing: General Versus Specific

_____, _____ theological principles are basic, transcendent truths about God, his character, and his actions.

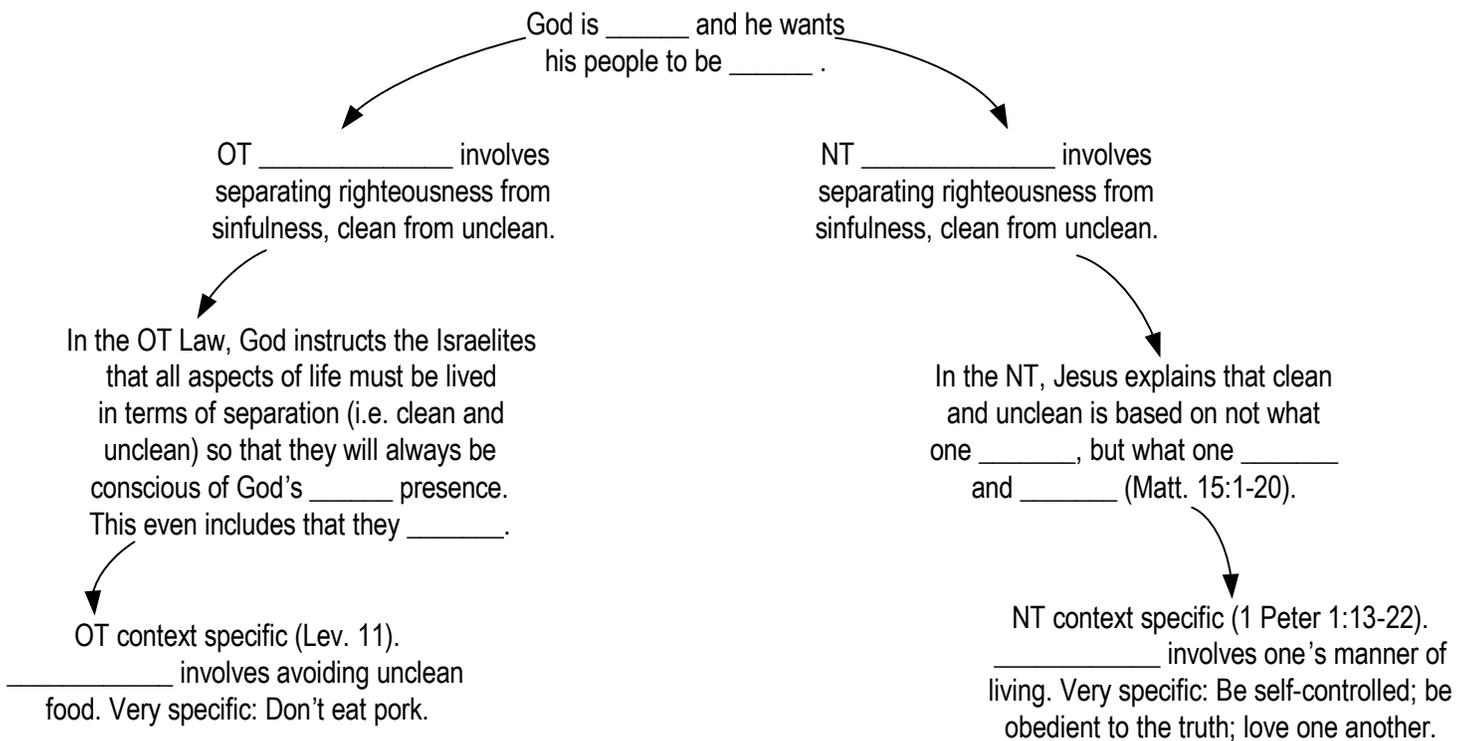
_____ - _____ theological principles are truths focused on a specific setting.

God's words and actions in a _____ reveal something that is _____ about Himself.

God reveals the general-universal principle of His holiness in different context-specific ways in the Bible.

This diagram below illustrates one particular example:²

²Duvall and Hays, 199.



Principlizing: Criteria

1. The principle should be reflected in the _____.
2. The principle should be _____ and not tied to a _____ situation.
3. The principle should not be _____.
4. The principle should correspond to the teaching of the _____ of _____.
5. The principle should be _____ to _____ the biblical audience and the contemporary audience.
6. Identify where this passage fits within the large, _____ of the Bible.
7. Identify the _____ of this _____.
8. Move from the context-specific meaning to the _____ context-specific and more general theological truths from the passage.

Clarification: The big-picture steps are not _____.

Putting It into Practice

Philippians 4:13.

Step 1: What does the text mean?

Step 2: What differences and similarities are there between us and them?

Step 3: What theological principle is here?