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The word "Hermeneutics" means interpretation. When an author writes, he has an intended message that he is trying to convey. One might find "other" lessons, but if he misses the intended and purposeful message, he misunderstands the piece.

**Acts 8:30-35**

Today there is a strong push in our culture for S reasoning rather than O reasoning. Subjective interpretation is just that, it's subjective. What's true for you doesn't make it true for me. We each have our own definition and each of our definitions are right. Subjective reasoning leaves the principles of hermeneutics aside and uses "feelings" as the source of interpretation.

- God's word is intended to be interpreted "objectively."  
Luke 10:25-26; Mt 22:29
- The message is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ which means it transcends modern culture and our own personal experiences (Mark 16:15).

**To grasp the true meaning of Scripture one must overcome some of the barriers along the way:**

**Hazard # 1 Only Reading our \_\_\_\_\_ Passages**

- the danger in this is that you never learn the full will of God
- ignoring passages because they are difficult or seem "boring" limits and hinders our walk with God

**Hazard # 2 M \_\_\_\_\_ the Text**

- 1 Tim 6:10 The **love** of money is the root of all evil or **Money** is the root of all evil

**Hazard # 3 D \_\_\_\_\_ the Text**

- Making the text fit an idea we have rather than using it as God intended
- Roman 8:28 this passage applies to who? What is the "good" in this passage?

**Hazard # 4 M \_\_\_\_\_ the Text**

- Mt 22:39 Love your neighbor used to accept one no matter what spiritual condition they are
- John 2:9 Jesus turning water used to approve of social drinking
- Mt 7:1 Judging anyone is wrong

**Hazard # 5 S \_\_\_\_\_ interpreting the text**

- Using our feelings as the basis of what we think God ought to say
- 2 Kings 5:11 "behold I thought..."

**Hazard # 6 Allowing Current C \_\_\_\_\_ to Color How we Interpret**

- Romans 16:1 the major of modern commentators will conclude that Phoebe was a deaconess in the church

## Emphasis

- If you were talking to someone and really wanted to emphasize something, how would you do that?
- How would you emphasize something that you wrote?
- In the N.T., the repeating of a word is done for emphasis.
  - Simon, Simon (Lk 22:31)
  - Truly, truly (24x in John)

Memory Verse:

Deuteronomy 29:29

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law."