

Style vs. Content

(2 Tim. 2:15, 2 Pet. 1:19-21) Series: Understanding the Bible
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- ✓ Literature is simply _____ that is written. We have built-in understanding of communication from everyday life.
- ✓ We naturally interpret what we read (and hear) based on our own _____ and _____.
- ✓ When it comes to the Bible we need to discern how our own _____ influence our understanding of it vs. what the Holy Spirit says.

We must learn to read the Bible as it was written. Two simple keys:

1. The Bible is organized according to: **gen-re** ('ZHänrə/) - a category of... literature, characterized by similarities in form, style, or subject matter
 - 1) Books of the Law, also called the Pentateuch (5)
 - 2) Books of History (12)
 - 3) Books of Poetry (also called Wisdom Books) (5)
 - 4) Major Prophets (5)
 - 5) Minor Prophets (12)
2. Within each gen-re there are different styles of writing
 - 1) Narrative (43%)
 - 2) Poetry (33%)
 - 3) Discourse (24%)

Conclusions:

This is about “rightly handling the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15)

There are helpful tools to understanding a Scripture passage:

- 1) Identifying the _____ within which a Scripture lies.
- 2) Identifying the _____ the human author used to convey the message the Holy Spirit “carried him along” to communicate.

Consider possible reasons you may struggle to “get much out” of the Bible when you read it:

- 1) Lack of _____
- 2) Unconfessed _____ in your life
- 3) Lacking the right _____