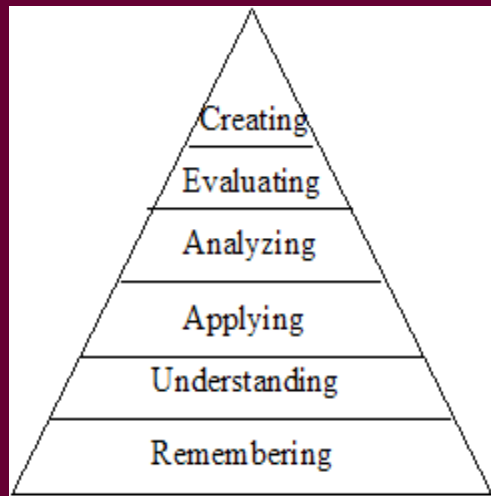


# Module 8: SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES

BIBLICAL TRUTHS  
THAT NEVER  
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# Module 8: Analysis

For this presentation: Go back and find Bloom's Taxonomy. Review each of the steps.



# Module 8: Spiritual Principles

## Analysis:

- Begin with the whole passage of scripture
- Break the passage apart into “bits and pieces”
- Look for key words (often repeated words as well)

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- Which words or ideas are present?
- Are there categories? Ex. Sin, forgiveness, prayer, obedience, teaching, rebuke, etc.
- Are there comparisons noted and how does the Bible Passage present it:

A. Ex. Mark 8: leaven compared to sin;

B. Many times the words “like” and “as” denote a comparison Ex. 2Tim 2:3 Take your share of suffering as a good soldier. Here suffering and soldier are compared and the link is the word “as”.

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- Is there a reason given? Look for words such as “therefore, for, so that, for this reason.”
- Ex. Mark 8: Jesus wanted the disciples to realize that their eyes were blinded to the truth. Often we too can't see the forest for the trees. Thus in Bible Study look for reasons that are subtle or often hidden but can be unmasked if we seek the input of the Holy Spirit. In Mark 8 Jesus asks them about their hearts, their ears, their lack of remembering. These are the reasons that they could not “see the forest or the big picture.”

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- Just as a scientist dissects to learn what is hidden, you too must dissect a passage.

Ask:

- a. who is key to this story;
- b. what is the story about – factual details;
- c. where does the story take place;
- d. when does it take place;

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- Sometimes we do best with a diagram, drawing, or a demonstration.
  - a. Take a sheet of paper and actually diagram the story details.
  - a. If teaching children about Mark 8; a good exercise would be to bring in yeast and water. Add the yeast to warm water while you read the story. Have the children watch what happens. Also mix dried yeast in with flour. Ask questions such as: where did the yeast go? After you have shown the yeast in the water ask next: what will happen if I wet the flour and yeast? How is this like the Pharisees and Herod the King? How it might be like us? What is the truth Jesus wants us to learn?

# Module 8: Spiritual Principles:

Jesus wanted the disciples to be able to discern truth from error, from what you see to what you can glean from listening, watching

☆Principle: Listen to what you say and what you do. Are they the same?

☆Practical Example: In 1 John, the Apostle wrote: if you do not keep God's commandments you do not love God. Take one commandment from Ex 20 and tell how you will obey it so that you are showing that you love God.



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- Distinguish the characters in the story and compare/contrast each: Ex. Jonah vs. the King of Ninevah; Queen Vashti vs. Esther, Ruth vs Naomi.
- Make a timeline so you can visually see the story as it unfolds. Dig out a chronological book to see what the world is like at that time, who is in power both religiously and politically speaking, what is the political/economic situation like,
- Make or use a map to locate the place of the story.

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- Once you have done all or some of the preceding exercises it is time to write a principle/truth that you gleaned
- For example: in Mark, Jesus wanted the disciples to glean that the Pharisees were not who they said they were; their words contradicted their lives. They were always seeking a sign from Jesus and attributed His work to the devil. Thus they were hypocrites because they said they loved God but refused to believe Jesus as the Son of God even though they were present to see the miracles happening.

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- From Mark 8 thus we can formulate these principles:
  1. Outward appearances are not always what is inside.
  2. Be sure your outward and inward thoughts and actions match.  
OR
  3. Our walk and talk should match.
  4. Recall God's blessings in tough times or when there is a need before you.

# Module 8: Spiritual Principles

- Matt 14 teaches us much about faith.
- What principles do you see in this account of Jesus and the fearful disciples?
- What principles do you see that you can translate into your own life?
- Be ready to share them with someone close to you.