

Saturday Celebration (4-29-06)

"Making Contact with the Word"

THE BASICS OF APPLYING SCRIPTURE – "TOUCHING THE WORD"

1. **OBSERVATION** – What Does this Passage Say?
2. **INTERPRETATION** – What did This Passage Mean to the Original Writer and Hearers? What does it mean in it's CONTEXT.
3. **APPLICATION** – What does this passage mean for me in my life?

APPLICATION WOULD INVOLVE THE FOLLOWING INGREDIENTS

- INTENTIONALITY**
- STUDY/UNDERSTANDING**
- CONTEMPLATION/MEDITATION**

– Bringing My Life Into Contact with the Passage – Drawing Near to the Passage in Order to Touch it in Faith

– An activity of Skillful Reflection & Review – Taking the Flashlight of INSIGHT (gained from the previous steps) and Crawling Into the Dark Cave of My Past Actions and Attitudes (long ago or recent event) and Discovering WHAT fell short and WHY I did what I did.

1. *How Does This Truth CONVICT Me?* ... Addresses the Need for Repentance
2. *How Does This Truth INFORM Me?* Addresses the Need for Correction
3. *How Does This Truth INVITE Me?* Addresses the Need for Growth

Where do I see that my Theology is at odds with biblical theology?

Where Do I Lack Insight? Am I pursuing DEPTH in my understanding?

- CHARTING A COURSE for NEW THOUGHTS and ACTIONS**
- If THINKING & LIVING WRONG has been a common practice for Years, don't think that's going to change simply because you LISTENED TO A SERMON and Experienced Conviction or Received a Revelation

COMPLAIN OR COMPLY?