



They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they
are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.
Psalm 19:10

Reading God's Word

A basic guide to Bible reading.

She Writes For Jesus



Know The Genre

Narrative/Laws

- *Genesis*
- *Exodus*
- *Leviticus*
- *Number*
- *Deuteronomy*

Narrative/History

- *Joshua*
- *Judges*
- *Ruth*
- *1 and 2 Samuel*
- *1 and 2 Kings*
- *1 and 2 Chronicles*
- *Ezra*
- *Nehemiah*
- *Esther*
- *Acts (NT)*

Poetry and Wisdom

- *Job*
- *Psalm*
- *Proverbs*
- *Ecclesiastes*
- *Song of Songs*

Prophecy

- *Isaiah*
- *Jeremiah*
- *Lamentations*
- *Ezekiel*
- *Daniel*
- *Hosea*
- *Joel*
- *Amos*
- *Obadiah*
- *Jonah*
- *Micah*
- *Nahum*
- *Habakkuk*
- *Zephaniah*
- *Haggai*
- *Zechariah*
- *Malachi*

Narrative/Gospel

- *Matthew*
- *Mark*
- *Luke*
- *John*

Letters

- *Romans*
- *1 and 2 Corinthians*
- *Galatians*
- *Ephesians*
- *Philippians*
- *Colossians*
- *1 and 2 Thessalonians*
- *1 and 2 Timothy*
- *Titus*
- *Philemon*
- *Hebrews*
- *1 and 2 Peter*
- *1, 2 and 3 John*
- *Jude*

Apocalypse

- *Revelation*

Knowing the genres will help us in interpreting and applying God's word. Some are to be taken literally, some speak figuratively, and some are for practical life lessons. Don't hesitate to research what you can learn and how you should read each genre :)



Big Deep!

Know the background:

- Who is the Author?
- Who is the audience?
- What's the purpose of it?
- What is the message?
- Research their culture.



Observe the text closer:

- Find the connections between the thoughts
- Look for words: *If/then, therefore, but/and*
- What are the repeating words?
- Create an outline
- Ask this as you read: What does this mean to the original audience?
- What is the difference (and/or similarities) between the biblical audience and us?
- What is the difference between their culture and ours?
- Use commentaries

Applying the Word:

- Get the theological principle
- Consult the entire Bible for supporting verses
- Determine the specific area of your life where you can apply this.

