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# Grasping God's Word Laminated Sheet (Zondervan Get An A! Study Guides)



**Grasping God's Word**  
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### 1. Bible Translations

The OT was written in Hebrew, the NT in Greek.  
*Autographs*: the original documents of Scripture.  
*Textual criticism*: the technical discipline that compares the various copies of a biblical text in an effort to determine what was most likely the original text.

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*Approaches to Bible translation*: The *more formal* approach tries to stay as close as possible to the structure and words of the original text. The *more functional* approach tries to express the meaning of the original text in today's language using equivalent words and structures. See Translation Spectrum.

### 2. The Interpretive Journey

The interpretive steps:

- Step 1: Grasp the text in their town. What did the text mean to the original audience?
- Step 2: Measure the width of the river to cross. What are the differences between the biblical audience and us?
- Step 3: Cross the principling bridge. What is the theological principle in this text?
- Step 4: Consult the biblical map. How does our theological principle fit with the rest of the Bible?
- Step 5: Grasp the text in our town. How should individual Christians today live out the theological principles?

Criteria for Principles

- The principle should be reflected in the text.
- The principle should be timeless and not tied to a specific situation.
- The principle should not be culturally bound.

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### 3-5. How to Read Sentences. Paragraphs, Discourses

*Repetition of words*. Look for words and phrases that repeat.  
*Contrasts*. Look for ideas, individuals, and/or items contrasted with each other.  
*Comparisons*. Look for ideas, individuals, and/or items compared with each other.  
*Lists*. Whenever the text mentions more than two items, identify it as a list.  
*Cause and effect*. Look for cause-and-effect relationships.  
*Figures of speech*. Identify expressions that convey an image using words in a sense other than the normal literal sense.  
*Conjunctions*. Notice terms that join units, like "and," "but," "for." Note what they are connecting.  
*Verbs*. Note active, passive, past, present, etc.  
*Pronouns*. Identify the antecedent for each pronoun.  
*Questions and answers*. Note if the text is built on a question/answer format.  
*Dialogue*. Note if the text includes dialogue. Identify who is speaking and to whom.  
*Means*. Note if a sentence indicates that something was done by means of something (answers "how?"). Usually you can insert the phrase "by means of" into the sentence.

### Translation Spectrum

| More Formal |      | More Functional |             |
|-------------|------|-----------------|-------------|
| KJV         | NASB | RSV             | NIV         |
| ASV         | NAB  | HC              | NEB         |
| ESV         | NCV  | TEV             | TLV         |
|             | CEB  | REB             | NET         |
|             |      |                 | CSB         |
|             |      |                 | CUV         |
|             |      |                 | The Message |



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Very satisfied

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