

Bible Study Methods

Lesson #009, Part 1

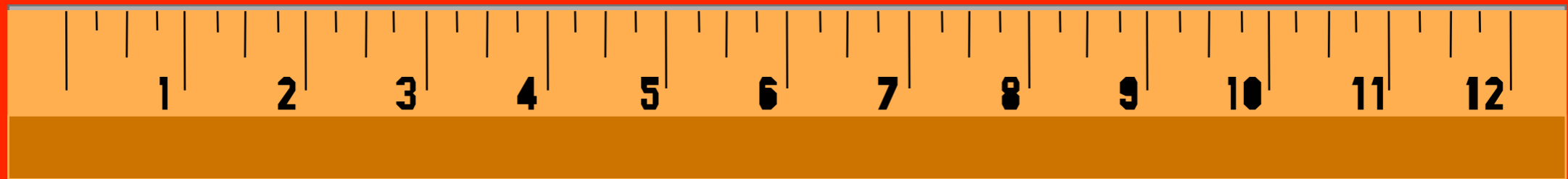
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Golden Rule of Interpretation



“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context indicate clearly otherwise.”



Israel

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A photograph of a white church with a prominent steeple, set in a snowy winter landscape. The church has a brick chimney and several windows, some of which are illuminated from within. The background shows a snow-covered hillside with trees. The text 'Church means Church' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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1. The person must be “born again.” Every person is born spiritually dead and blinded to the truth. (Eph. 2:1; 2 Cor. 4:4)

2. A respect for and interest in God and His Word are essential to interpreting the Bible properly. (2 Tim. 3:15 – “holy”)

3. The student must have a humble and teachable attitude.

4. We should also approach the Scripture with a desire to be corrected and to overhaul either our thinking, our living, or both.

5. The interpreter of the Scripture should be dependent on the Holy Spirit, but not in a mystical sense.

6. Listening to and reading excellent Bible teachers.