



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or said ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple phrase sums it all up ?
7. What is the application to my life today ?

(The Book or Passage)

(Answer each question with a Bible reference where you found the answer.)

1. Who was the writer ? _____
 - a. Who was the speaker or narrator ? _____
 - b. Who were the other people speaking ? _____
 - c. What part is God's commentary ? _____

2. What was the date of the writing ? _____
 - a. When did the events take place ? _____
 - b. What were the contemporary events ? _____
 - c. Where does this text fit in God's plan ? _____

3. Who were the first readers ? _____
 - a. To what group of people did they belong ? _____
 Believer ? Pre-Israel ? Israel or Gentile ? Christian ?
 - b. Why were they being addressed ? _____
 - c. What was their relation with the writer ? _____

4. What are the obvious divisions of the text ? _____
 - a. Where does the subject change ? _____
 - b. What are the different grammatical forms used ? _____
 - c. When does the speaker change ? _____

5. What key word is repeated ? _____
 - a. What word appears more than any other ? _____
 - b. What word appears here more than anywhere else ? _____
 Unique to this book, chapter or verse ? _____
 - c. What grammatical type of word is it ? _____
 Noun, adjective, verb, adverb, conjunction, etc ?

6. What is the message ? _____
 - a. What simple sentence summarizes it ? _____
 One sentence with one subject, one verb and one object !
 - b. How does this relate to every other part of the text ? _____
 - c. Where in the text is this message most clearly stated ? _____

7. What is the application to my life today ? _____
 - a. What simple sentence with an imperative verb summarizes it ? _____
 - b. How does this differ from the first readers' application ? _____
 - c. When can my application be implemented ? _____

SOME STUDY METHOD HELPS :

- 1) Pray for God's leading before, during and after the study.
- 2) Read the text to be studied at least five times and if possible in different translations.
- 3) Find all answers from within the text itself and give a Bible reference for each one.
- 4) Write down your discoveries before you compare them with good Bible commentaries.
- 5) Fill in your notes with helpful observations that you find, but make sure that none contradict what you have found directly from the Bible.
- 6) If you find that you are way off track according to the commentaries, humbly start over.
- 7) Put into practice the application for life that you have discovered as soon as possible.

PERSONAL NOTES :

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