

**From Interpretation to Implementation**  
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*Interpretation to Implementation*

I. Purpose of Interpretation

- A. All location and interpretation of Scripture is for nothing without implementation.

II. Purpose of Implementation

- A. All implementation should lead to works that are pleasing to God.
  - 1. 2 Cor. 5:15, James 3:13, Titus 1:1

- B. We must not just think that it is enough to get the job done; God cares about *how* it is done and about what is happening in the life of the one who is doing it.

*Implementation in Practice*

I. Decide if this is a Biblically Directed or Biblically Derived Command

- A. Biblically Directed – A method specifically prescribed as such in the Bible.

- B. Biblically Derived – A method devised by the Christian himself in accordance with and within the framework of biblical principles in order to fulfill a biblical command to which there is attached no biblically directed method.

- C. Titus 2:2-5 is a directive. *How* you fulfill this command will be derived.

## II. Make sure that your motives are righteous.

God is not only concerned about the *what*, but He is also concerned about the *why*.

- A. What should be our motive for everything that we do?
  
- B. Right things can be done by right persons for the wrong reasons.
  
- C. This means that sometimes we must devise ways and means for doing things that we don't really feel like doing. We will do so because God told us to.
  - 1. God created us to be obedience oriented, not feelings-oriented.
  
  - 2. Feelings often begin to change as you obey.

## III. Find God's Will

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:3

## IV. Apply The Principles of Decision Making

- A. Enlist Your Minds :: Romans 12:2, Eph. 4:23
  
- B. Search the Scriptures :: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
  
- C. Seek Counsel :: Prv. 11:14, 12:15
  
- D. Pray Earnestly :: James 1:5
  
- E. Make a Decision :: 1 Thessalonians 4:3
  
- F. Carry it Through