### SERMONETTE

## HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Practical Techniques

## 2 TIMOTHY

## IS ALL SCRIPTURE PROFITABLE?

ROMANS 2:22

You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery?

## You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

# TECHNIQUE #1 UNCOVER THE THE

What are the **Key Words** or Phrases
What **Repeats**What is **Said First or Last** 

### Letters to the Churches

### **EPHESUS**

Rev 2:1 "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: Rev 2:2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience...

### **SMYRNA**

Rev 2:8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: Rev 2:9 "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich)...

#### **PERGAMOS**

Rev 2:12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: Rev 2:13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is...

### **THYATIRA**

Rev 2:18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: Rev 2:19 "I know your works, love, service, faith...

#### **SARDIS**

Rev 3:1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

#### **PHILADELPHIA**

Rev 3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "HE WHO HAS THE KEY OF DAVID, HE WHO OPENS AND NO ONE SHUTS, AND SHUTS AND NO ONE OPENS": Rev 3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door...

### **LAODICEANS**

Rev 3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: Rev 3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot...

## Letters to the Churches

**EPHESUS** 

I know your works

**SMYRNA** 

I know your works

**PERGAMOS** 

I know your works

**THYATIRA** 

I know

your works

**SARDIS** 

I know your works

**PHILADELPHIA** 

know your works

LAODICEANS

know your works

## What are the letters to the churches about?

## The WORKS of the church

(aka, the called out ones, aka "us"!)

"Works" occurs 19 times in 9 chapters in Revelation

## ASK...

## WHAT WAS THE FIRST OR LAST THING SAID?

e.g., What were the

## FIRST WORDS

John the Baptist & Jesus Preached?

## FIRST WORDS...

JOHN THE BAPTIST: came preaching...SAYING, "REPENT, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:1-2)

JESUS: Jesus began to preach and to SAY, "REPENT, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Matthew 4:17)

THEME? Repentance & the Coming Kingdom

## LAST WORDS...

MATTHEW: Mat 28:19 GO therefore and make disciples of all the nations...20 TEACHING THEM to observe all things that I have commanded you

MARK: Mar 16:20 And THEY WENT out and PREACHED EVERYWHERE...

THEME? There's work to do...

Q: What are the last two verses of Revelation? Of 2 Peter? Why?

## TECHNIQUE #2

# UNCOVER THE PURPOSE (SPS)

LOOK FOR WHY WORDS

IMAGINE YOU WROTE IT

## EXAMPLES "SO THAT"

1 Timothy 3:15 ... I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God...

1 John 2:1 ... these things I write to you, so that you may not sin...

Romans 7:6 ...we have been delivered from the law...so that we should <u>serve in</u> the newness of <u>the Spirit</u> and not in the oldness of the letter.

## 1 JOHN

## IS ABOUT?

## ALL ABOUT LOVE?

1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world.

1 Jn 3:14 We...passed from death to life, because we love the brethren...

1 Jn 4:16 ... God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

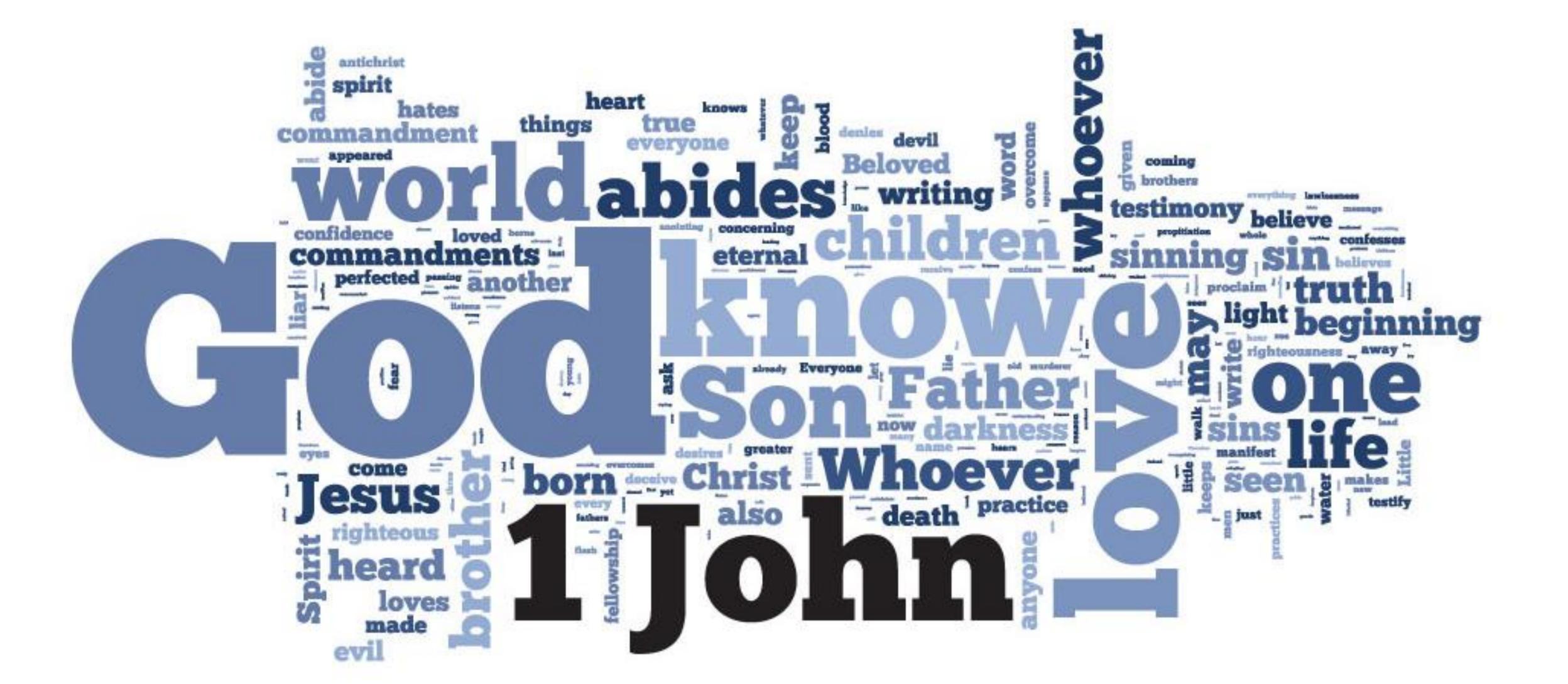
## I John What's the focus?

- 2:3 ...by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.
- 3:14 **We know** that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren.
- 3:16 By this **we know** love, because He laid down His life for us...
- 3:19 ...by this **we know** that we are of the truth...
- 3:24 ...by this **we know** that He abides in us, by the Spirit that He has given us.
- 4:6 ...By this **we know** the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

5:2 By this **we know** that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding...

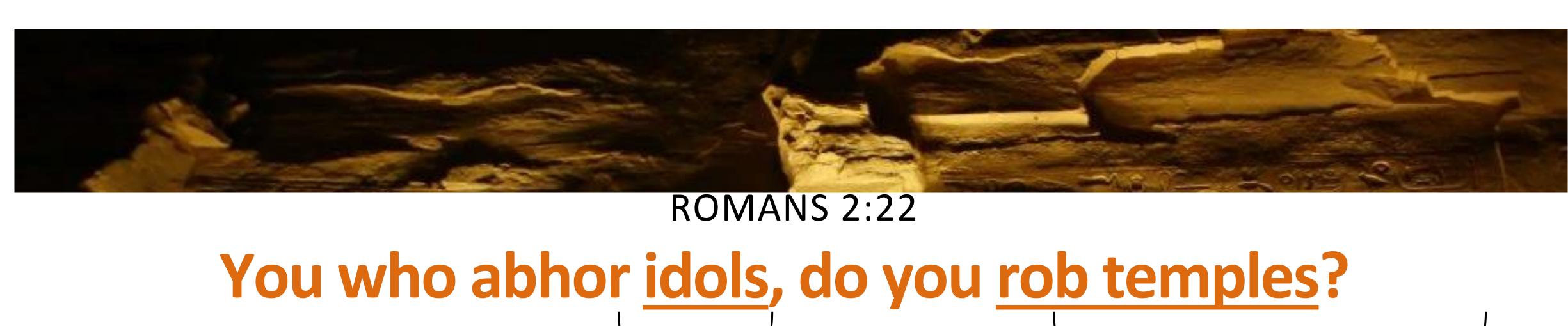
5:13 These things I have written to ... THAT you may know that you have eternal life, AND THAT you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.



## TECHNIQUE #3

# EXTRACT THE PRINCIPLE

WHAT IT MEANS
WHY IT MATTERS
WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT





You who abhor fill in the blank, do you [make money from] fill in the blank?

PRINCIPLE TO...

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16

"All scripture IS profitable..."