

SERMONETTE

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Practical Techniques

2 TIMOTHY

3:16

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 THEME

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

your works

SARDIS

I know your works

PHILADELPHIA

know your works

LAODICEANS

know your works

I know

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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)

IMAGING EXPLAINING WHY

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 serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.

1 JOHN

IS ABOUT?

I JOHN

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.

Good News for the World

The word cloud features the following prominent words and phrases:

- World abides**
- children**
- know**
- love**
- Jesus**
- born**
- Christ**
- Whoever**
- 1 John**
- brother**
- born**
- also**
- death**
- practice**
- anyone**
- sinning**
- sin**
- truth**
- beginning**
- one**
- life**
- seen**
- water**
- testify**
- testimony**
- believe**
- confesses**
- believes**
- proclaim**
- light**
- beginning**
- righteousness**
- away**
- sins**
- life**
- manifest**
- seen**
- water**
- testify**
- men**
- just**
- practices**
- write**
- may**
- walk**
- keep**
- blood**
- denies**
- devil**
- Beloved**
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- fathers**
- fellowship**
- spirit**
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- heard**
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- made**
- evil**
- abide**
- antichrist**
- spirit**
- hates**
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- evil**

TECHNIQUE #3

EXTRACT THE PRINCIPLE

WHAT IT MEANS

WHY IT MATTERS

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT



ROMANS 2:22

You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

Something
Ungodly

used as a
way to

Make
Money

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

SIMILAR **PRINCIPLE** TO...

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2 TIMOTHY 3:16

“All scripture IS profitable...”