Blueprint: God’s Plan for the Church

“A Matter of Interpretation”

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2 Timothy 2:15

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Introduction:
A. The Bible is ________ by God and is ________ in all matters the pertain to religion. (2 Tim. 3:16,17)
B. The task of interpreting the Bible is the work of deciding what the Bible ________ by what it says.
C. In many ways, the Bible is ________ and ________.
D. The contention that the biblical message is always simple and clear is not _________. (2 Pet. 3:15-16)
E. It is the congregation, along with its leaders, that must give ________ for its interpretation of the Scriptures.

I. Two Things With Which We Have to Contend...
A. The ___________.
B. ___________.

II. Our Method of Interpretation Must...
A. ...recognize and focus on _________.
B. ...take seriously the basic ________ which runs through the Bible.
C. ...give attention to how this story line incorporates specific ________ and ________ for the church.
D. ...be sensitive to ___________ ___________.
E. ...result in implications not only for the _________. process, but for the ________ of the interpreter. (James 1:22, 25)
F. Another method for interpretation:
1. ____________
2. ____________
3. ____________
4. ____________

III. The Silence of the Scriptures...
A. Prohibitive Principle: if one or more options in a category are ____________,
then silence about all other options in that category _________ them.
B. Permissive Principle: if a category is left open with nothing ________,
then we may _________ any options in that category.

Conclusion:
A. All concepts and commands in Scripture have ________, but some have a higher ________.
B. God did not introduce himself by a set of rules, rather he sent his ________.
C. Interpreting the Bible is not ________ or ________. Approach it seriously and ________, and be ready to ________ it.