



The Application Grid

Connecting Text → Truth → Life



Overview

This tool helps bridge the gap between Bible study and everyday obedience. Each passage moves through three layers: the text itself, the truth it reveals, and the life it transforms. As you move through each layer in that order, the Truth in the Text is revealed with integrity.

Step 1: Text (Observation)

Ask:

- What does the text actually say?
- What words, details, or commands stand out?
- Are there contrasts, repetitions, or cause-and-effect statements?
- How does this passage fit within the verses around it?

Step 2: Truth (Interpretation)

Once you've observed the details, seek the timeless principle behind them. Interpretation bridges the gap between the original audience and today's readers. Look for what the author intended to communicate about God, humanity, sin, grace, or faith. Every passage reveals something about God's character or redemptive work.

Ask:

- What truth or theological principle is being taught here?
- How does this truth connect to God's nature and His plan of redemption?
- How did the original hearers understand this message?
- What does this passage teach about the gospel?

Step 3: Life (Application)

True Bible study always leads to changed living. Application asks, "What should I do with what I now understand?" Move from information to transformation by applying Scripture to real attitudes, relationships, and habits. Application is where obedience and spiritual growth take root.

Ask:

- How should this truth reshape my thinking, priorities, and responses?
- What specific action, confession, or change does this call for in my life?
- How can I live this truth consistently in my family, church, or workplace?
- What step of faith will demonstrate obedience to what I've learned?

Example Grid

TEXT → "Love your enemies."

TRUTH → God's love is unconditional, redemptive, and transcends human hostility.

LIFE → I will choose to pray for those who wrong me and seek reconciliation rather than revenge.

Application connects insight to obedience. Real learning happens when truth is lived, not just learned.

Because there's always Truth in the Text.