



FRONTLINE
INTERNSHIP

Reading the Bible

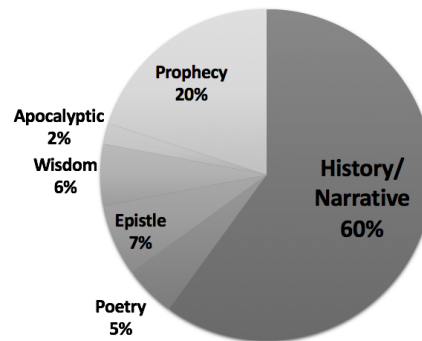
(adapted from Jen Wilkin)

1. Appreciate different types of reading / studying.
 - Breadth, Depth, Memorization, Prayer, What does the Bible teach about...?, What does Paul teach about...?
2. Remember who the Bible is about
 - God's Book, not yours
3. Take a long-term view
 - A lifetime relationship
 - "have you not read" – Matthew 19:4
 - "it is written" – Matthew 4
 - "observe" – Matthew 28:18-20
4. Stay put in the passage or book
 - A lifetime of nuggets will lead to a spot knowledge without the big picture
 - Don't know just John 3:16, how about verse 17? How about all of chapter 3? The whole book?
5. Study all of it
 - It is all God-breathed and profitable. (2 Tim. 3:16)
 - Psalms, Proverbs, and the Gospels are amazing but so is Daniel, Leviticus & Obadiah
6. Honor the context
 - What is happening? Who is involved? When is this? Where is this? What is the author trying to communicate? Why is the author saying it this way? What is being repeated?

7. Understand Genres

- History/Narrative
- Poetry
- Wisdom
- Prophecy
- Epistle/Letter
- Apocalyptic

GENRES IN THE BIBLE



8. Use Proven Tools

- Comprehension
 - a. What does it say?
 - i. Bestcommentaries.com
 - ii. soniclight.com/constable/notes.htm
 - iii. BibleMap+
 - b. What does it mean?
- Interpretation
 - a. Greater biblical theology
 - b. Allow yourself to get better over time
- Application
 - a. How does it change me?
 - b. *How should it change me?*

9. Dwell in the I Don't Know

- Daniel 5
- Matthew 8:18-22

10. The best tool is to pray

- John 14:26, *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."*