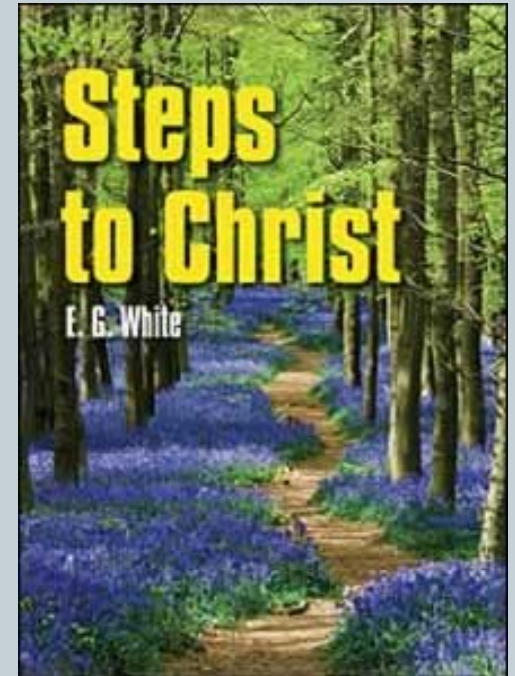


# The Steps to Approach a Passage or Scripture Using Parable Methodology



- 1.) Time and place (historical/scriptural context)
- 2.) Overview of story/subject/theme
  - what the author is trying to portray in the story
  - what is happening
- 3.) Go into detail of the words
  - look at each word(s)
  - most important words
  - look up definitions
  - rewrite it in your own words (paraphrase)
- 4.) Understand the literal story or natural meaning
  - further detail of what happens
  - i.e. what happens to the seed in the ground.



# The Steps to Approach a Passage or Scripture Using Parable Methodology Cont'

## 5.) Original Intent/Context

- what is the author trying to tell to those in that time set?/  
what is the author trying to tell the audience at that time?
- why is it here?

## 6.) Look for the types of parables

- e.g. Repeat and enlarge or compare and contrast
- the structure of the verse
- look for the words elsewhere in scripture
- what does He want to show from this?
- look into SOP--references--in the parable, passage, specific word--to give us more understanding

## 7.) Make application

- in original context
- in our time
- make it personal--how it applies to the individual



**Note: When using this approach for SOP, follow steps 1, 2, and then skip to 6, 7**