

My Guiding Principles of Biblical Interpretation

- Never read a Bible verse in isolation without understanding historical and situational context
- **DESCRIPTIVE** Scripture is not always **PRESCRIPTIVE** Scripture
 - Not every word in Scripture is for you or for your time

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- DIETARY LAWS
- CLEANLINESS LAWS
- CEREMONIAL LAWS
- RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES
- MARRIAGE LAWS

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- If there's an "apparent" contradiction between OT and NT texts... **CHOOSE NT perspective:**
- Where there is consistency, the Scripture is universally applicable

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Where and When Scripture is
silent:

- get knowledge, understanding
and wisdom (**Proverbs 4:5**)
- apply logic, reason and common
sense