

GROWING TOWARD *Spiritual* MATURITY

STUDY 4
HANDOUT A

The Authority of God's Word

Use the Scripture references and Handout B to answer the following questions.

What three words describe the authority of Scripture?

I _____

2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16

I _____

Isaiah 55:11

I _____

Hebrews 2:1–4

What are the three steps used in studying the Bible?

O _____

I _____

A _____

Fill in the blanks below, which relate to steps used in interpreting Scripture.

Put the text in _____

What is the main _____ of the text?

What is the _____ style of the text?

What are the key _____ of the text?

How does the meaning of the text relate to what we know about C _____ and the

G _____?

Responding to God's Word

What are the four guidelines for determining biblical commands?

1. Biblical statements that are _____ in scope have _____ relevance.
2. Promises that are _____ only apply when the _____ is met.
3. Guidelines changed by later revelation _____ apply.
4. Biblical examples are relevant to the extent they are _____ or _____ by the biblical authors.

Memory Verse:

"All Scripture is _____ - _____ and is useful for _____, _____, _____ and _____ in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every _____ work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)