

Developing Implications from the Text

Three Main Considerations

1. How does the principle confront **unbiblical perspectives**?
Communicate the antithesis to the biblical perspective
2. What **unholy motivations** does the principle expose? What are the **idolatrics** that rule those motivations?
3. What am I not “putting off” that **hinders** “putting on” what the text teaches?

Five Contrasts for Meditation

1. **Reasoning: Eternal vs Temporal**
 - a. Would this principle have changed the original hearers’ reasoning from worldly/temporal to heavenly/eternal?
 - b. *How should this truth change/confront your worldly or temporal thinking?*
2. **Worldview: God-Centered vs Man-Centered**
 - a. Would this principle have exposed man-centered worldviews?
 - b. *How does this confront your man-centered worldviews?*
3. **Theology: Sound vs Shallow**
 - a. Would this principle have cemented new theological convictions and/or exposed bad theology?
 - What flaw in my theological understanding is exposed by this principle?
 - b. *How should this truth confront and/or shape your theology?*
4. **Motivations: Christlike vs Sinful**
 - a. Would this principle have immediately brought the hearer’s sinful motivations under the captivity of Christ?
 - b. *What sinful motivations do you have that need to be brought captive to this truth?*
5. **Worship: True vs False**
 - a. Would this principle directly attack potential idolatries in the hearts of the original audience?
 - b. *What idols are exposed in your heart?*