Interpretation

Answers the question, "What does the passage mean?"

Follow these basic rules:
1. Remember that context always rules first.
2. Always seek the full counsel of the Word of God. (Compare and contrast similar passages.)
3. Remember that Scripture will never contradict Scripture.
4. Don’t base your convictions on an obscure passage of Scripture.
5. Interpret Scripture literally.
6. Allegories and typology are used to illuminate, never to create.
7. The NT has priority.

Application

Answers the question, "What does it mean to me personally? What truths can I put into practice? What changes should I make to my life?"

Prophetic Points of History

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

— 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)