

philippians bible study



personal reflection journaling

Write “Last Week/This Week” at the top of your page.

For the past week, you might reflect on:

1. What did God do for me/my family/my friends this week?
2. What sins did I struggle with? What victories did I have?
3. What moved my heart?
4. What scripture impacted my life and how?

For the upcoming week, you might reflect on:

1. What are my goals for the week?
2. In what ways do I really need to depend on the Lord this week?
3. What would I love to see God do in me and through me?



table discussion

How was that exercise for you?

What, if anything, did the Lord speak to you about as you took time to pray and reflect?

How could doing this regularly impact your life / weekly/Sabbath rhythms?



review - Soar

Survey (Context/ Overview)

Observation

Analysis - Interpretation

Response - Application

table time — lectio divina

What word or phrase stood out to you?

Why do you think that word or phrase?

What is God calling you to do with that word or phrase today?

2 Timothy 3:16–17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

“People do not drift toward Holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.”

Dr. Don Carson



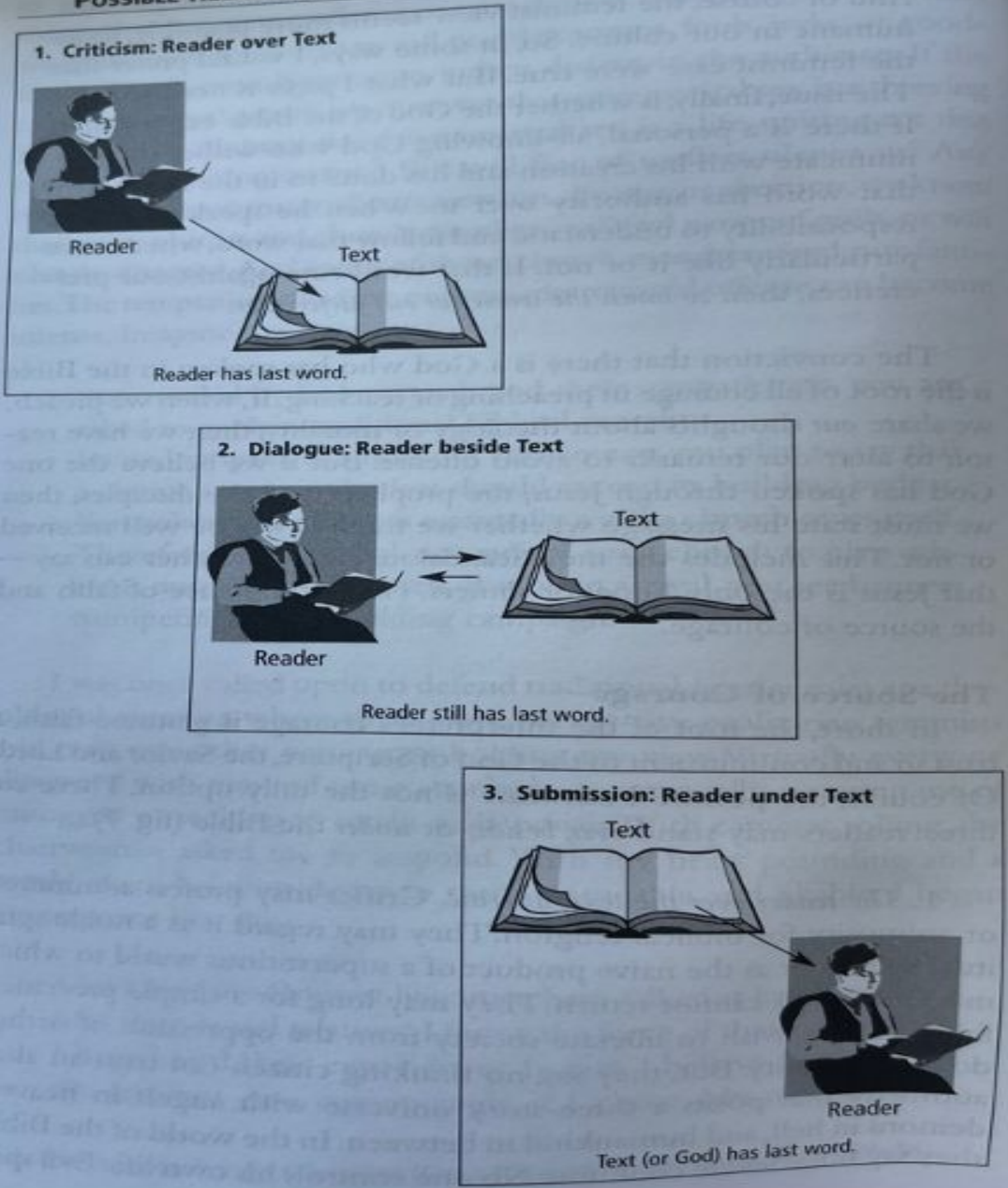
Application should be **Holistic**

- **Head**
- **Know**
- **Thinking**

- **Heart**
- **Be**
- **Feeling**

- **Hands**
- **Do**
- **Doing**

FIG. 7.
POSSIBLE RELATIONS BETWEEN READERS AND THE TEXT OF SCRIPTURE



Taken from Putting the Truth to Work- The Theory and Practice of Biblical Application-

Daniel Doriani

substitutes for response

1. **We substitute interpretation for application.**
2. **We substitute superficial obedience for substantive life change.**
3. **We substitute rationalization for repentance**
4. **We substitute an emotional experience for a volitional decision**

this weeks text- phil 3:12-4:1

Phil. 3:12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I **press on** to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. **13** Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and **straining forward** to what lies ahead, **14** I **press on** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **15** Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. **16** Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Next Week

- 🌀 Philippians 4:2-4:9. Use all the tools you have learned so far in studying the text but make sure to make time to respond to what God would have you to apply to your life.
- 🌀 We will be talking about Response/Application
- 🌀 Remember to sign up for lunch on the last week.
 - 🌀 Childcare pickup is by 11:45

discussion questions

- What is easier for you? Making observations, interpreting or responding to scripture? Discuss
- Which one of these substitutes for responding to scripture do you resonate with the most?
 - We substitute interpretation for application.
- We substitute superficial obedience for substantive life change.
 - We substitute rationalization for repentance.
- We substitute an emotional experience for a volitional decision
- What are some ways that God has called you to respond to Scripture while studying Philippians (SPECK)? What is he teaching you about Himself, yourself, His world?

