

THINKING ABOUT THE BIBLE
PART 4: RELEVANT OR IRRELEVANT
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"The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of God stands forever."
Isaiah 40:8 (NLT)

THREE COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE'S RELEVANCE

1. "ISN'T THE BIBLE FILLED WITH CONTRADICTIONS AND INCONSISTENCIES?"

A. _____ DIFFERENCES

"... Matthan the father of Jacob, the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah."
Matthew 1:15-16 (NIV)

"Now Jesus Himself was about thirty years old when He began His ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,"
Luke 3:23-24 (NIV)

"When He arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met Him."
Matthew 8:28 (NIV)

"They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet Him."
Mark 5:1-2 (NIV)

B. _____ STYLE

"Break the teeth in their mouths, O God; LORD, tear out the fangs of those lions!"
Psalms 58:6 (NIV)

"No harm overtakes the righteous, but the wicked have their fill of trouble."
Proverbs 12:21 (NIV)

C. _____ DIFFERENCES

"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham."
Matthew 1:1 (NIV)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
John 1:1 (NIV)

2. "HOW CAN THE BIBLE BE TRUE WHEN SO MANY PEOPLE INTERPRET IT DIFFERENTLY?"

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."
John 3:16-17 (NIV)

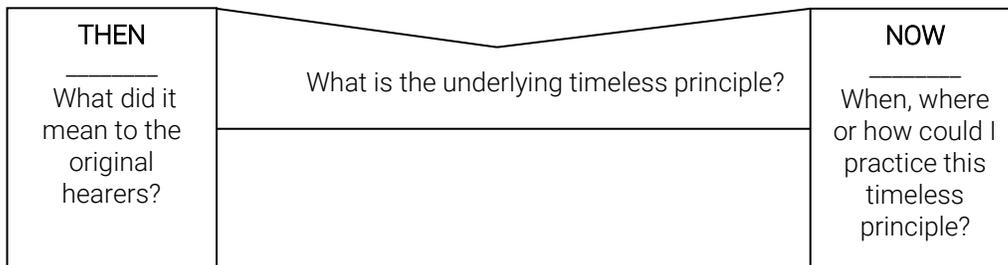
A. MAINTAIN _____.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work."
II Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

B. BEGIN BY TAKING THE BIBLE _____.

3. HOW CAN THE BIBLE, A 2,000 YEAR OLD BOOK, BE RELEVANT TODAY?"

● The Application Bridge



"For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness."
I Corinthians 10:1-5 (NIV)

● _____ **MY** _____.

"Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: 'The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.' We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel."
I Corinthians 10:6-10 (NIV)

● _____ **BRINGS** _____, _____

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"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."
I Corinthians 10:11-13 (NIV)