

5. Don't miss the forest for the trees. Always read with the Bible's BIG STORY in mind: CREATION, FALL, REDEMPTION, RE-CREATION.
6. Fix your eyes on JESUS as the "INTERPRETIVE KEY" to understanding all of the Bible.
7. Read the Bible in CONTEXT. Seek to understand what a passage was saying to the ORIGINAL AUDIENCE before leaping to what it is saying to YOU.
8. Don't read all the Bible in the SAME WAY.
9. Be SLOW and CAREFUL before writing stuff off as "CULTURAL and no longer APPLICABLE for us today."
10. Always be willing to BEGIN AGAIN.

*Sola Scriptura is more than a historical relic, more than an intellectual concept and more than an organizational distinctive. It's meant to be a very personal and practical commitment. Paul challenges Timothy to "continue" in the Scriptures. How can we do the same? Here's 10 practical tips to help us "continue" reading, trusting and obeying the Bible . . .*

1. Commit to the LONG GAME of LIFETIME Bible reading.
2. Make a PLAN, but vary your PLAN periodically.
3. Come HUMBLY. Don't "STAND OVER" the Bible, but seek to "COME UNDER" the authority of the Bible.
4. Don't go it ALONE. Use trusted and theologically sound RESOURCES.