Read the Verse in Its Context

Read around it before deciding how to apply it.

The passage's meaning comes before the family's chosen application; an example must not rewrite the text.

Example: Matthew 6:33 is read with verses 25-34. The family distinguishes Jesus' teaching about worry from a desired sports result.

01 Read around the verse

Keep the original wording and surrounding sentences together.

Verse being considered

Surrounding verses read

Connecting word noticed

Question about the passage

02 Identify the setting

Find what the page shows and mark uncertainty.

Speaker or writer

Original audience

Kind of writing

Setting still to check

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03 Explain the meaning

Keep explanation separate from a modern example.

Meaning in plain words

Text supporting that meaning

Application the family proposes

Claim the verse does not make

04 Practice and return

Choose a fitting response and keep the text open.

Small response to practice

Adult explanation needed

Question for church help

What to reread together