

# *EGW Unplugged*

## HOW TO READ ELLEN WHITE IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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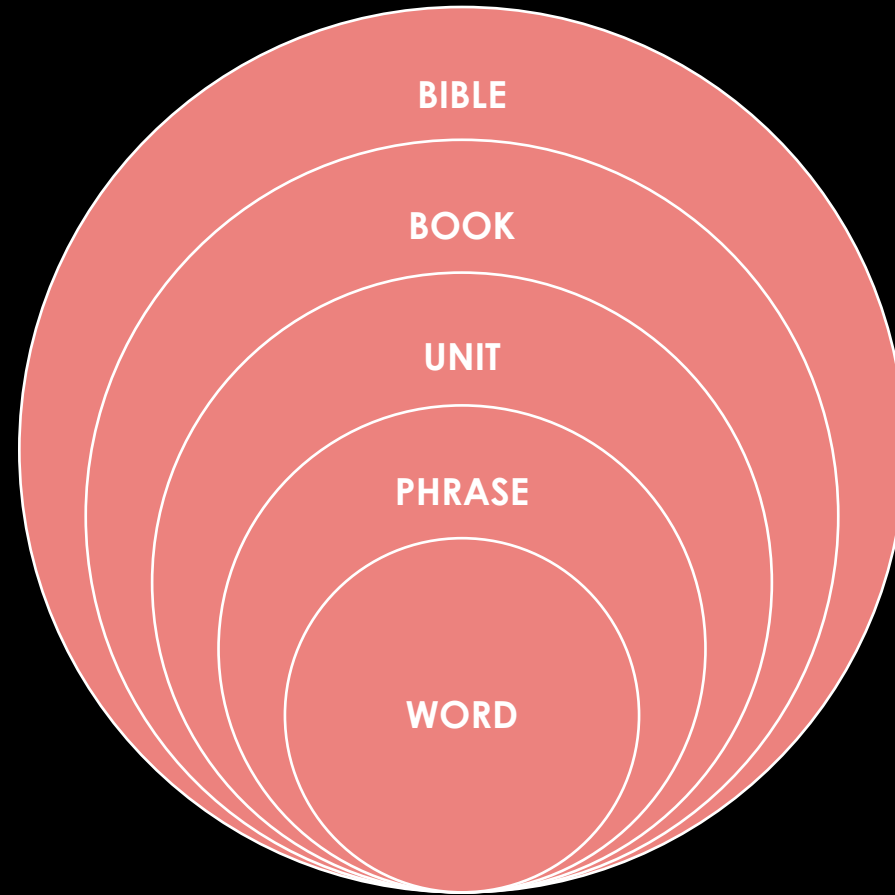


# WARMUPS

- What would your reaction be if you heard the following:

**“There is a dog in the room”**

- What does it mean?



**THE HERMENEUTICAL CIRCLE...**

# IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

What does the text say?



Keywords?



Immediate Context?

Biblical principle



Application?

# PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGIES

- Read the *sources* and don't rely on what others say
- Collect *all* the information
- Study the *context* and remember the *big picture*

“What she may say to urge the tardy, is taken by the prompt to urge them over the mark. And what she may say to caution the prompt, zealous, incautious ones, is taken by the tardy as an excuse to remain too far behind” (*Review and Herald*, Mar. 17, 1868).

# LET'S PRACTICE (I)

You should not be purchasing bicycles  
(*Review and Herald*, Aug. 21, 1894)

# LET'S PRACTICE (II)

“How is it with my brethren and sisters in America? How much do you practice self-denial in order that you may show liberality to the needy cause of God at this time? We are doing our work here under great pressure for the want of the very money that many of the members of our churches are expending upon their own fancies, in pleasing and gratifying themselves. If they had accepted the testimonies I have borne to them concerning the great want in these regions beyond, they would not be found expending one dollar in following the example of those who are multiplying pictures of themselves and their families. You would not be purchasing bicycles, which you could do without, but would be receiving the blessing of God in exercising your physical powers in a less expensive way...”

# LET'S PRACTICE (III)

“Instead of investing one hundred dollars in a bicycle, you would consider the matter well, lest it might be at the price of souls for whom Christ died, and for whom he has made you responsible. Please read **Isaiah 58**, and see what is a sure remedy for poor health. Satan will contrive to bring about many devices to absorb the means which should be devoted to the cause of God at this time. We cannot open new fields in regions beyond, for want of the very means that is used up in various ways, which might be given to destitute missions. God would have you invest in a fund to erect humble houses of worship for those who have newly come to the faith, who cannot possibly command means to do this, on account of their great poverty...” (*Review and Herald*, Aug 21, 1894)”



# SOME DON'TS

- *Don't* neglect Bible study—use EGW to complement your Bible study
- *Don't* be a sensational reader
- *Don't* read on one topic to the exclusion of everything else

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