

# First Application is to Me

- 2 Sam 12:1-7
- Matt 7:1-5
- Rom 2:17-24

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- First application of Bible text or principle is to me
- Not same as saying it is written to me or directly applies to me
- Also doesn't mean we can't apply to others
- Tendency: think about evil, annoying people—or people in religious error—or our brethren—instead of ourselves
- Matt 7:5—Once we apply to ourselves, we see clearly and compassionately to apply to others
- Practically, means asking “I” or “me” questions from Scripture

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- 1 Pet 1:3-5. Do I believe that I have an imperishable, undefiled, unfading inheritance kept in heaven for me? That I am being guarded?
- 1 Pet 1:6-7. How has my faith fared in the tests I've faced? What are some ways I fail the test? Some ways I pass it?
- 1 Pet 1:13. Am I sober and focused on Jesus' return? Do I think about it often and hope for it?
- 1 Pet 1:14-17. What passions from my former life live on? How am I different now?

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- 1 Pet 1:22-23. Do I love my brothers earnestly from a pure heart? What might threaten this?
- 1 Pet 2:1-3. Have I tasted that the Lord is good? Which of these are issues for me? How am I putting them away?
- 1 Pet 2:9-10. Am I proclaiming God's excellencies? What might this look like? Am I thankful for him transporting me from darkness to light?
- 1 Pet 2:11-12. What passions war against *my* soul? What do unbelievers see when they observe my life?

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- 1 Pet 2:13-17. Do I live as a free person? What might that mean for me? Do I show honor for the government?
- 1 Pet 3:1-7. Does my relationship with my husband/wife reflect submission/understanding? How do I show this?
- 1 Pet 3:3-4. Do I value external beauty more than internal beauty? Do appearances affect how I treat others? Do I evaluate myself based on my appearance?

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- 1 Pet 3:8. Is my heart tender and sympathetic toward *all* my brethren?
- 1 Pet 3:14-16. Am I prepared to explain why I hope in Jesus? What intimidates me about this?
- 1 Pet 4:1-4. Am I prepared to suffer physically for Jesus? Deprive myself? Endure slander?
- 1 Pet 4:9-11. Do I serve my brothers and sisters? Do I complain about it?
- 1 Pet 4:16. Do I glorify God when suffering as a Christian—or am I ashamed?

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- 1 Pet 5:1-5. Do I follow the example and leadership of my elders?
- 1 Pet 5:7. Do I tell God what I am anxious about?
- 1 Pet 5:8. Do I ever get lazy/complacent about Satan? In what ways can I improve this?

# Where Have I Seen This?

- Part of battle of application is finding parallel situations, attitudes, and problems in modern times
- After applying to ourselves, we have a good feel for what a Bible idea looks like in practice and the challenges that accompany it
- Helped by observing people, society, and history
- Examples make the passage come alive and drive the point home and make the passage stick
- We will also become better aware of how God is working in our time and what his will is for our situation



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## 1 Pet 1:6-7

- In my experience, what kinds of “tests” do Christians face in modern times?
- Have I seen people past the test? What did that look like?
- Have I seen people fail the test? What did that look like?

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## 1 Pet 1:22-2:1

- Have I known Christians like those in 1:22? What are they like?
- Have I known Christians who struggle with the problems described in 2:1? What are they like?
- Why is it so hard to put away malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander?

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## 1 Pet 2:11-12

- Have I known Christians with this kind of influence in the community?
- Have I seen Christians whom others *did* speak about as evildoers? What kind of impact did that have on the church's influence in the community?
- Should we care what others think about us? Why or why not?

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## 1 Pet 3:1-2

- Have I ever known of a “mixed marriage” where the unbeliever was won over by their mate? Why does this sometimes happen? Why does it sometimes not happen?

## 1 Pet 3:3-4

- Who are some examples I know of inner beauty? What makes them different from worldly people?

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## 1 Pet 3:7

- What husbands do I know who honor their wives and treat them with understanding? What does that look like? How is it different from the world?

## 1 Pet 4:4

- How have I observed Christians persecuted, maligned, or punished for their faith? How did they handle it?
- Why does Christian living bother unbelievers so much?

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## 1 Pet 5:2-4

- Have I ever seen elders who served for their own gain, under compulsion, or in a domineering manner? What did that look like?
- Have I ever seen elders who served willingly, eagerly, and as examples to the flock? What did that look like?
- People often accuse elders who make decisions they don't like of "domineering." How can we know the difference?

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1 Pet 5:6-7

- Have I seen people who regularly prayed about their anxieties? What were they like? What motivated them? What should I do to be more like them?