



## Purpose of a Verse Analysis

Verse analysis is a helpful tool to use in delving into the meaning and content of a verse. It is most useful as a means of meditation in the context of verses that are being memorized.

The verse analysis form contained on the vDRC website is designed to provide reminders of the various aspects of observation, interpretation and application. The following information tells how to use the verse analysis form.

## Verse Reference

The verse reference is the address that identifies the verse. "John 3:16" is an example of a verse reference.

## Topic

Topic is the summary label that describes the key message of the verse. See the vDRC document on Scripture Memory for a suggested list of Topics.

## Summarize the context Before

The context of a passage has a great bearing on the meaning of an individual verse. Great error can result from looking at a verse without considering its context. So, look at the paragraph immediately preceding the verse being analyzed and summarize the message of the paragraph. Try to keep your summary short and to the point without sacrificing clarity or meaning.

## Summarize the Context After

The paragraph after the verse is as important as the one before it. Summarize the message of the paragraph immediately after the verse being analyzed. Try to keep your summary short and to the point without sacrificing clarity or meaning.

## Cross References

Cross references tie the truth in the verse to corresponding truth in other verses. Pick out key words and phrases in the verse and find corresponding verses elsewhere in the Bible. There are many types of cross-references that may be appropriate.

- Same word
- Similar word
- Opposite word
- Same clause
- Similar clause
- Contradictory thought
- Examples
- Quotations
- Opposite instructions
- Similar experiences

## Observations

As you meditate on the verse, write down your thoughts. Guidelines for meditating can be found in the vDRC website in the Tools selection and Word group.

### Application

The application to your everyday life is the best part of Bible study. It is what makes the word come alive. The general approach to application includes the following points:

- What is the verse saying to me
- What is my need
- What am I going to do
- How am I going to check-up on myself (to make sure I followed through).

More detailed information about developing an application can be found in the vDRC website under Tools for God's Word.

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