The Bible is NOT _____ if you can't apply it and you can't apply it if you can't interpret it.

What Jesus has to say:

1. His words give _____ •**John 6:63**
2. His words are still _____ •**Matthew 5:17-19**
3. Knowing is not enough you have to _____ it •**Luke 6:46-49**
4. Obeying the teachings of Jesus shows our _____ •**John 14:23-24**

Common mistakes when reading the Bible

1. Don't take into account the writing _____.
2. Taking things out of _____!
3. Just because it's recorded doesn't equal _____.
4. Build beliefs on _____ passages.
5. Confuse change with _____.
6. Assume general statements as _____ statements.
7. Allow _____ to twist meaning.

Practical safeguards

1. Goal is NOT information but _____.
2. Look at through scope of _____ the Bible.
3. Process in _____ both current and historical.

Summary:

The Bible is infallible and trustworthy, however _____ interpretation is NOT.

John 6:63 (NIV)
63…The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

Matthew 5:17-19 (NIV)
17"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)
46"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? 47I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. 48He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

John 14:23-24 (NIV)
23Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24He who does not love me will not obey my teaching….

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"Living By The Book"
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