

7. THE BIBLE GPS ON EPHESIANS 5: 8-20

Objective: To apply the GPS method on Ephesians 5: 8-20

Agenda

1. A Test Drive
 2. How did the Bible come into being?
 3. Overview of the Bible
 4. The First process of the Bible GPS is *Understanding*.
 5. The Second process of the Bible GPS is *Application*.
The Third process of the Bible GPS is *Communication*.
 6. The Bible GPS on Galatians 5: 16-26
 7. *The Bible GPS on Ephesians 5: 8-20*
 8. The Bible GPS on Romans 3: 21-26
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UNDERSTANDING (S.T.A.R.T.)

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1. **Situation**

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2. **Type of literature**

PROSE	POETRY in
Narrative	* Psalms
Procedure	* Prophets
Explanation	* Wisdom literature
Instruction	

3. Analyze the passage

3.1 Write out the passage in smaller units

3.2 Mark the significant meaning indicators

3.3 Explain difficult words and phrases

3.4 Establish the meaning structure

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3.5 Conclude and summarize the message to the original receiver

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Ephesians 5

⁸ At one time you were in the dark.

But now you are in the light
because of what the Lord has done.

Live like children of the light.

⁹ The light produces what is completely good,
right and true.

¹⁰ Find out what pleases the Lord.

¹¹ Have nothing to do with the acts of darkness.
They don't produce anything good.

Show what they are really like.

¹² It is shameful even to talk about what people who don't
obey do in secret.

¹³ But everything the light shines on can be seen.

¹⁴ Light makes everything clear. That is why it is said,
"Wake up, sleeper.

Rise from the dead.

Then Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵ So be very careful how you live.

Do not live like people who aren't wise.

Live like people who are wise.

¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity.

The days are evil.

¹⁷ So don't be foolish.

Instead, understand what the Lord wants.

¹⁸ Don't fill yourself up with wine.

Getting drunk will lead to wild living.

Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Speak to each other with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.

²⁰ Always give thanks to God the Father for everything.

Give thanks to him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4. Relate the message to the broader Biblical and theological framework?

5. Test your findings

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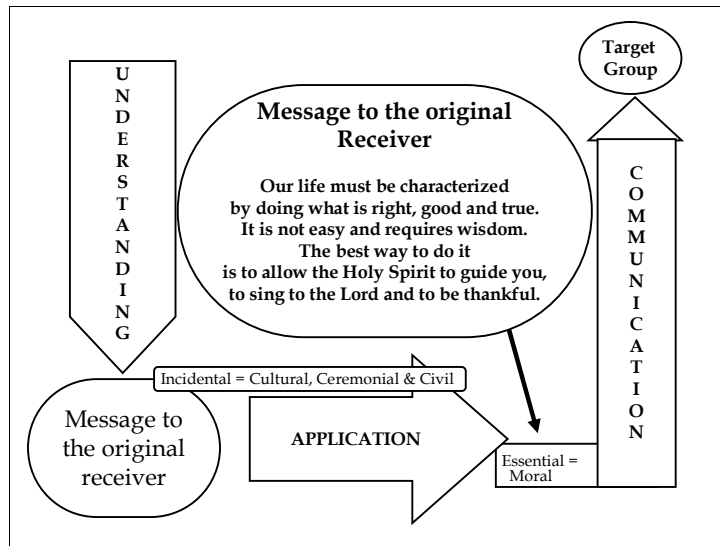
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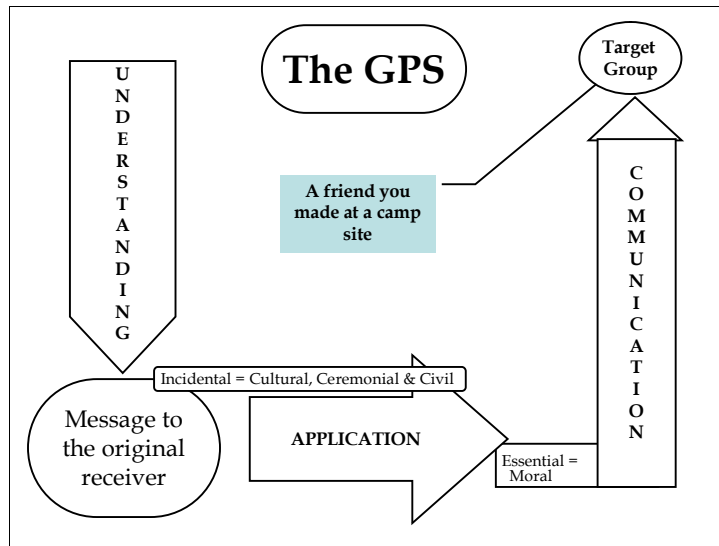
**Message to the original
Receiver**

**Our life must be characterized
by doing what is right, good and true.
It is not easy and requires wisdom.**

**The best way to do it
is to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you,
to sing to the Lord and to be thankful.**

The Bible as Your GPS





Scenario: You meet a great person while camping. One night at campfire the conversation lead to a serious discussion. In the light of this passage (and other passages), how would you have answered the following questions that were raised by your friend during the course of the discussion?

Questions of friend:

1. Why is the world in such a mess?

2. What is the answer to this mess?

3. My child is hanging out with the wrong crowd. My wife and I just don't know what to do anymore. He /she has so much potential and causes us so much pain by the foolish things he/she does. We lack some wisdom. What do you think we need to do? (Read Day 48 from the Bible as your GPS or Page 46 from Hearing God's Tweet.)
