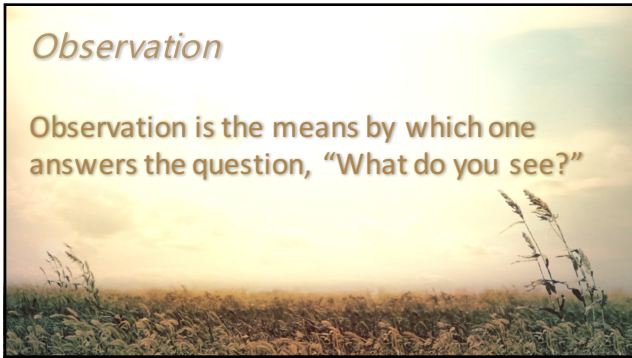


Observation

Observation is the means by which one answers the question, "What do you see?"



Observation

The Five Ws (Set the Stage):

- Who? Author & Audience
- What? Literary Genre
- When? Date
- Where? Historical Setting
- Why? Purpose

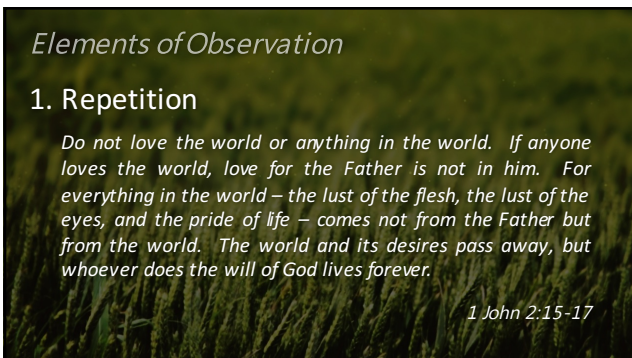


Elements of Observation

1. Repetition

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:15-17



Elements of Observation

2. Contrast

*A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

Proverbs 15:1

Elements of Observation

3. Comparison

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark

James 3:3-5

Elements of Observation

4. Lists

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:19-23

Elements of Observation

5. Cause and Effect

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

Elements of Observation

6. Figures of Speech

- Simile: Comparing two things using "like" or "as."

Woe to you teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean.

Matthew 23:27

Elements of Observation

6. Figures of Speech

- Metaphor: A description that compares a subject to an unrelated object.

There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. . . this calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits.

Revelation 17:3, 9

Elements of Observation

6. Figures of Speech

- Paradox: A statement that seems to contradict but is nevertheless true.

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

Mark 10:43-44

Elements of Observation

6. Figures of Speech

- Hyperbole: Intentional exaggeration to make a point.

If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Matthew 5:29-30

Elements of Observation

6. Figures of Speech

- Euphemism: A tame expression used in the place of something potentially offensive.

When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.

Ruth 3:4

Elements of Observation

7. Conjunctions

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Elements of Observation

8. Verb Tense and Voice

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Elements of Observation

9. Pronouns and Referents

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the one he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us.

Ephesians 1:3-8

Elements of Observation

10. General to Specific

So I say, walk by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh . . . the acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like . . . the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control

Galatians 5:16, 19-23

Elements of Observation

11. Specific to General

1 Corinthians 13

Elements of Observation

12. Question and Answer

What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

Romans 6:1, 15

Elements of Observation

13. Dialogue
John 4:7-26

Elements of Observation

14. Purpose and Result
For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

Elements of Observation

15. Means
For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
Romans 8:13

Elements of Observation

16. Conditional Clauses

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Elements of Observation

17. Emotional Terms

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate!

Matthew 23:37-38

Elements of Observation

18. Unusual Words

Put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece, so they may be over Aaron's heart whenever he enters the presence of the Lord. Thus Aaron will always bear the means of making decisions for the Israelites over his heart before the Lord.

Exodus 28:30

Elements of Observation

19. Major Shifts

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:24-25

Elements of Observation

20. Names for God

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ . . . for through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2:13
