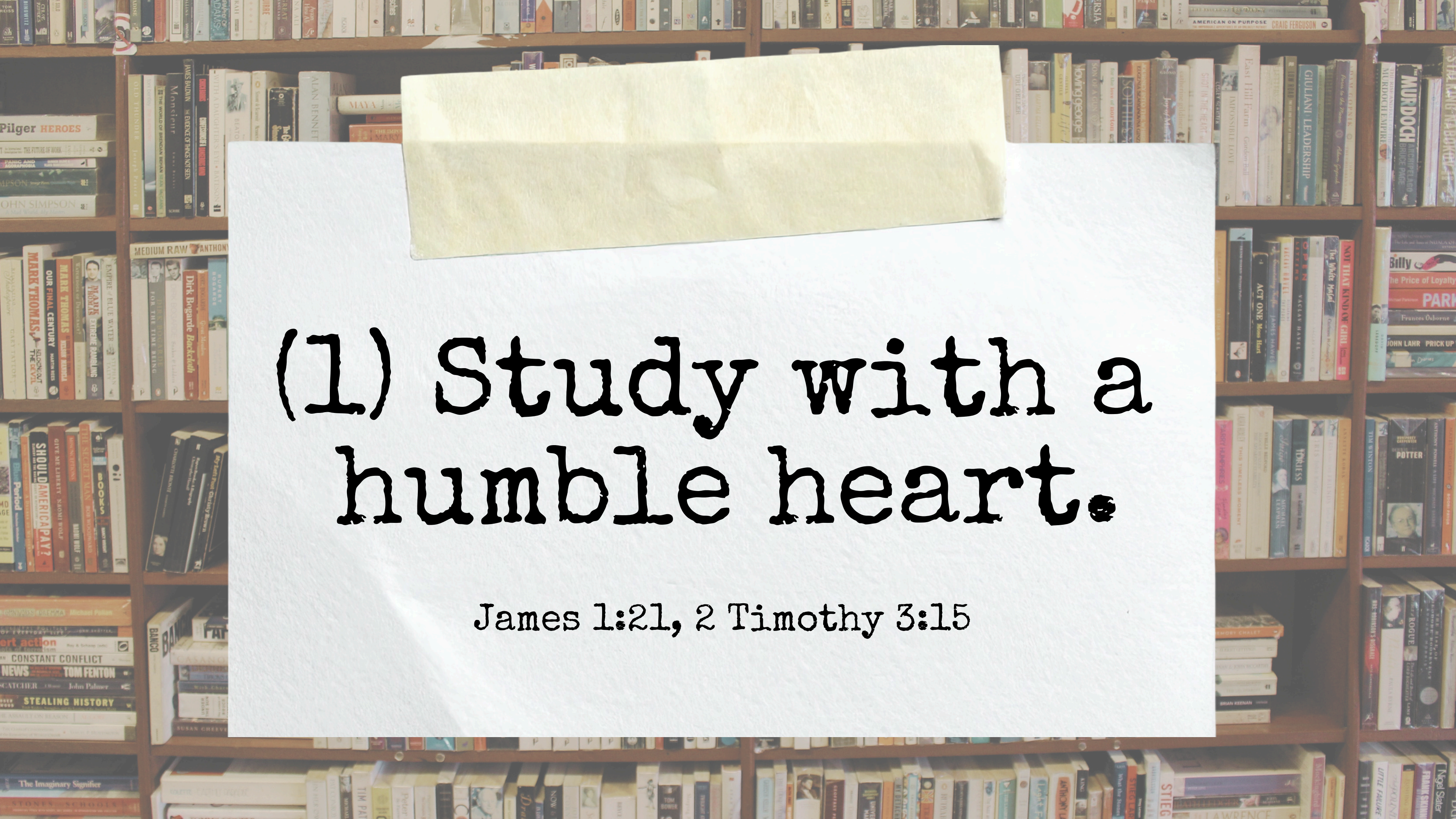


When The Bible Doesn't Say What You Thought:

How to Read Scripture with a Better Understanding

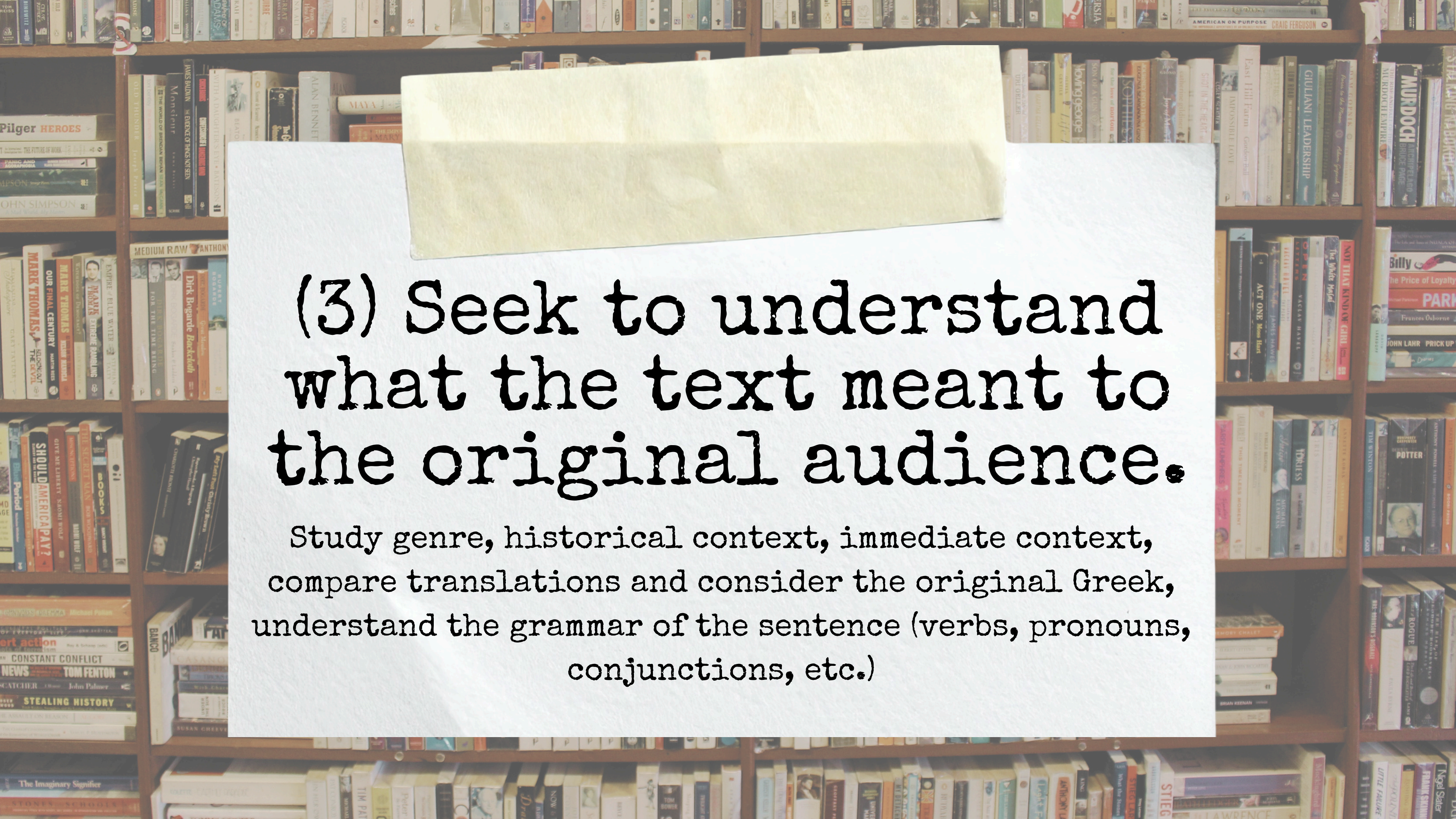


(1) Study with a
humble heart.

James 1:21, 2 Timothy 3:15



(2) Learn to
balance between
accepting and
disregarding others'
interpretations.



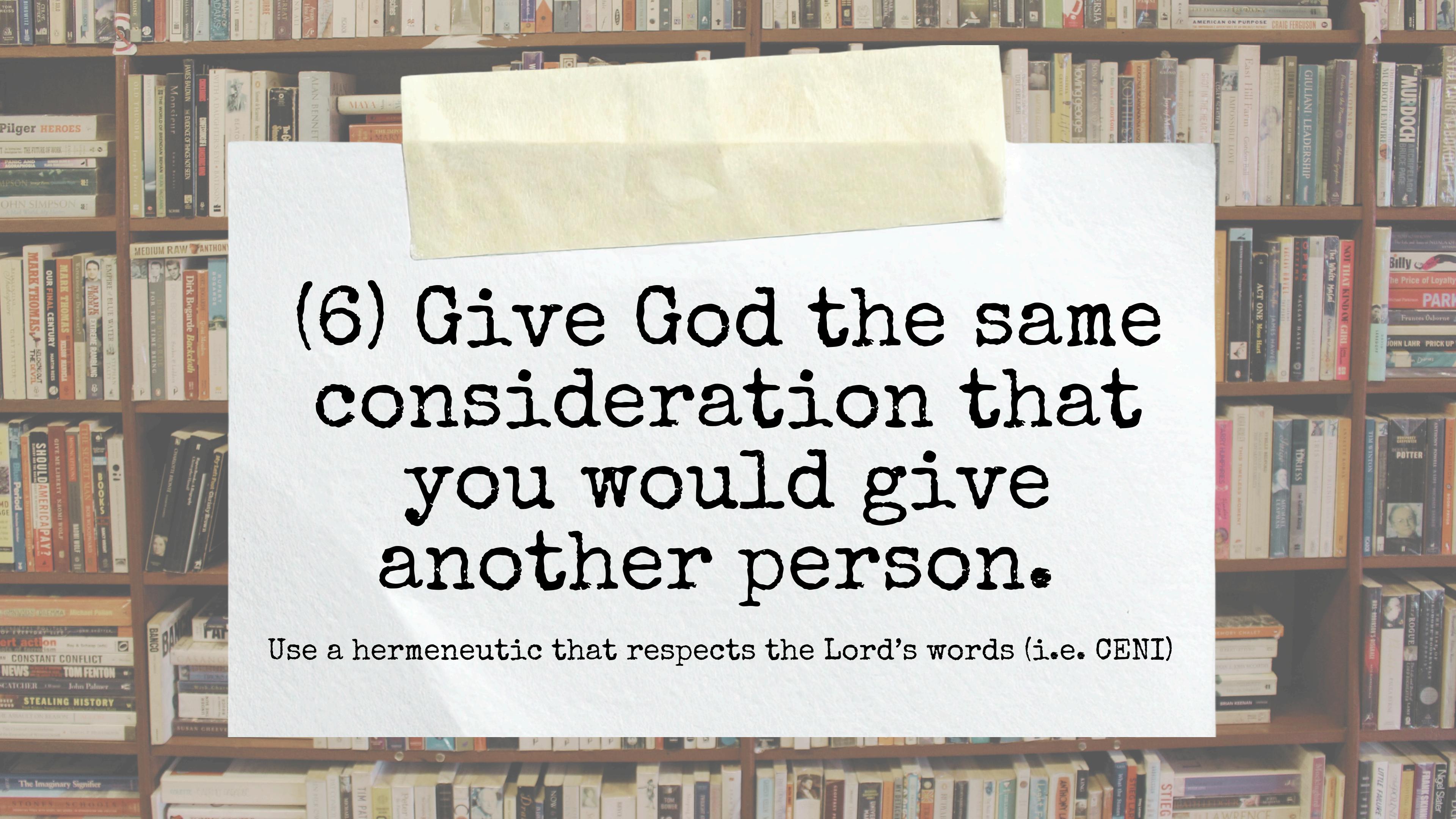
(3) Seek to understand
what the text meant to
the original audience.

Study genre, historical context, immediate context,
compare translations and consider the original Greek,
understand the grammar of the sentence (verbs, pronouns,
conjunctions, etc.)

(4) Understand the difference between meaning and application.

There is only one meaning of every text, and the text cannot mean what it did not mean to the original audience.

(5) Interpret
difficult passages
in light of clear
passages.



(6) Give God the same
consideration that
you would give
another person.

Use a hermeneutic that respects the Lord's words (i.e. CENI)

Dear Caleb,

Thanks for doing dinner by yourself

tonight. You're a great husband and a great

father. While I'm gone, please steam clean ~~command~~

the kitchen floor. I always spray cleaner ~~example~~

on the floor first for an extra boost. I

saved the kids TV time for tonight, so they ~~N.I.~~

can watch a 20 minute show while you

clean.

Love,

Bekah.

(The kids are not to
steam clean the floors)



(7) Consider how our culture plays a role in your understanding.

Is this really a hard passage to interpret, or is it hard to apply because of our culture?