Important Considerations in Any Bible Text

Bear in Mind Who the Author of the Text Was
- Who wrote it?
- Who is speaking in the text?
- Is the speaker inspired or uninspired?
- Is he speaking by inspiration or merely offering his own personal judgment?

Know to Whom the Text Is Addressed
- What is their relation to God?
- How were they serving Him?
- What were their weaknesses?
- What were their problems?

Know of Whom the Text Speaks
- Acts 8:34
- What is their background?

What Is the Nature of the Writing of the Text?
- Is it law?
- Is it prophecy?
- Is it a vision?
- Is it a command of God?
- Is it a proverb?
- Is it a parable?
- Is it a command?

When Was the Text Written?
- Under what law was the text applicable?
- Is the text applicable to today?

From Where Was the Text Written?
- Surroundings & atmosphere of a text often contribute to its meaning.
- Example: Some prophecies were made in Babylon and refer to Israel's return from there to Judah.
- Example: Some writings of Paul are better understood when one knows they were written while he was in prison.