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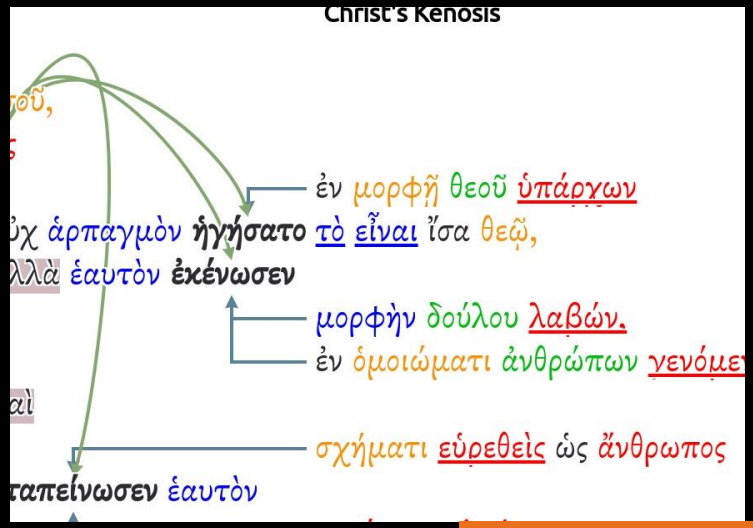

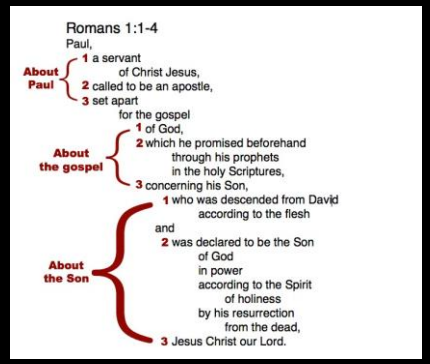

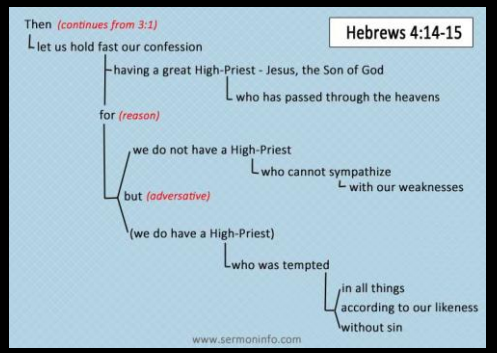

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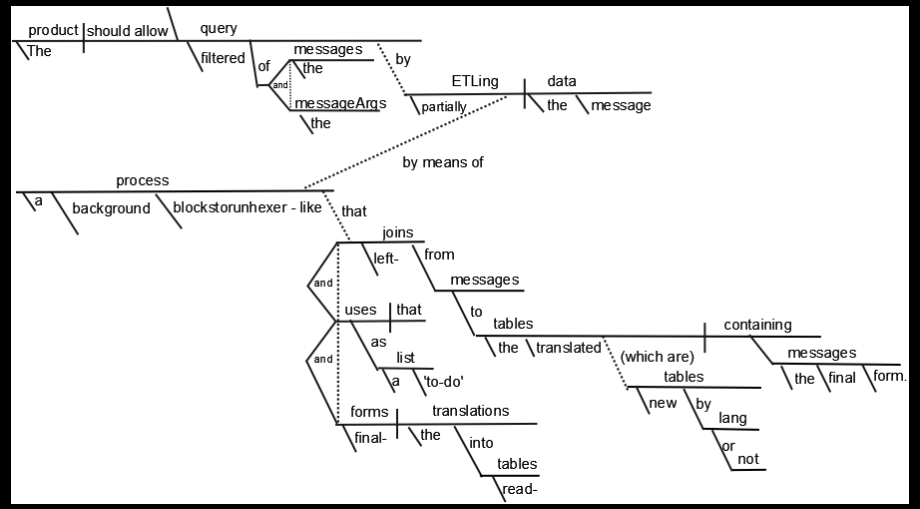
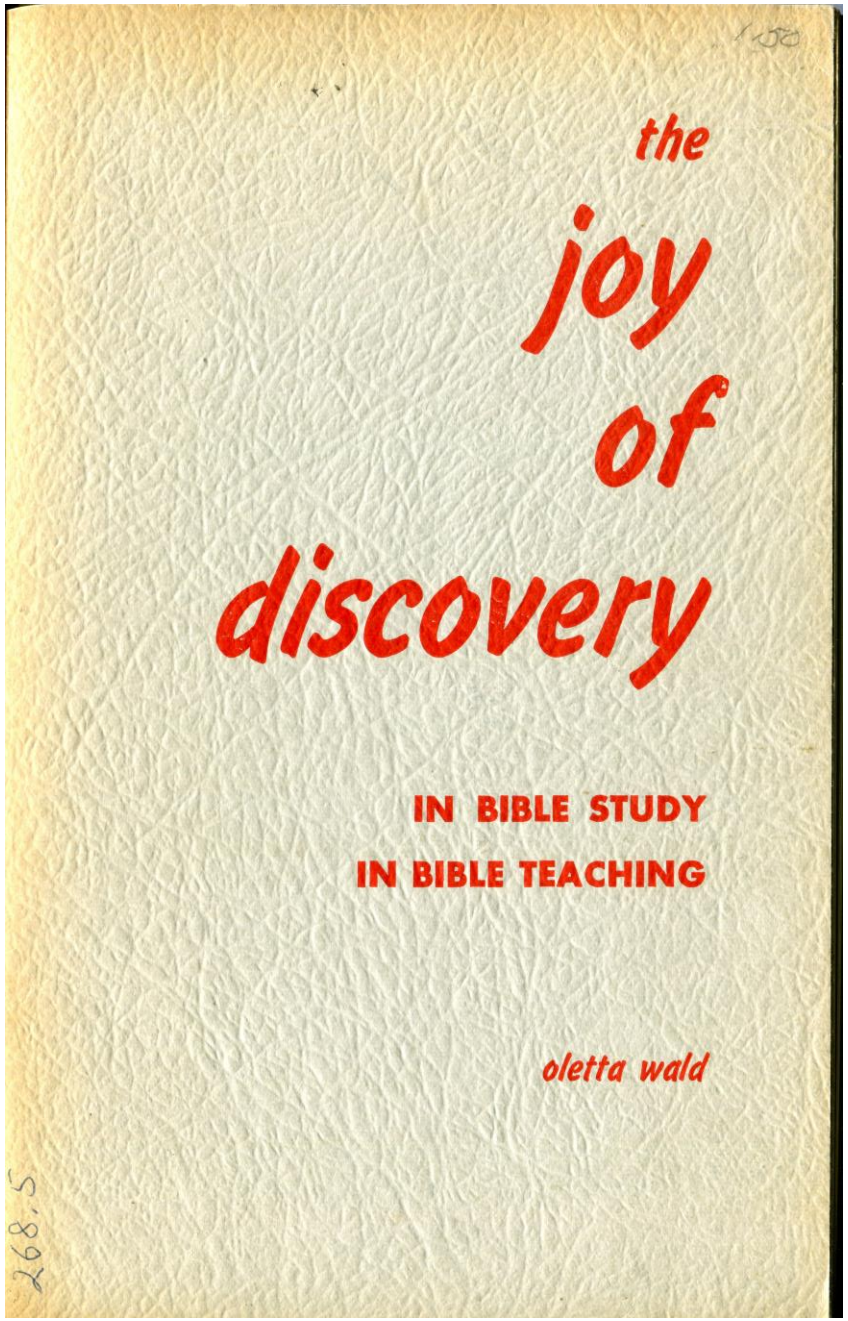


Structural Diagram
Phil 2:5-11

Rhetorical Functions	V.	Structural Diagram
Exhortation	5	Have this mind
Sphere		among yourselves,
Explanation		which is yours
Sphere		in Christ Jesus
	6	who
		[though]
Contrast		he was in the form of God,
Action		did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
Contrast		[but]
Action	7	made himself nothing,
Means		taking the form of a servant,
Means		being born in the likeness of men.
	8	[And]
Means		being found in human form,
Action		he humbled himself
Means		by becoming obedient
Manner		to the point of death,
Manner		even death on a cross.



There were the window frames and windows, the doors, the walls, the bricks etc. Were I to say to you, "Here is my house," you no doubt would retort, "I see the parts that make up your house, but I still don't know what your house looks like."

So it is in Bible study. It is not enough just to see the parts, even to understand the parts. You must see the parts in relation to the whole, how they contribute to make up the whole message.

How to Observe Structure of Paragraphs

In order to see how material in a passage is arranged, you need to get the passage in front of you on one sheet of paper, if possible. There are several ways to record material so that you can best see how the ideas are arranged.

Make a "Structural Diagram"

"Structural diagram" is a title given to a process in which you copy on a sheet of paper all of the words in a paragraph, but arrange the material in as graphic a way as possible.

Suggestions: (Note the example of a structural diagram of James 3:13-18 on page 25.)

1. Copy down the units of phrases and clauses; separate the units so that they will be most meaningful to you.
2. Line up major clauses and ideas so that key ideas can easily be seen.
3. Place modifying phrases and clauses under the words which they describe. Do not do this to the extent that you break up the thought pattern.
4. Place series of words, phrases, clauses, parallel thoughts and parallel constructions under each other. Sometimes it is helpful to bracket them.
5. Emphasize the important connectives such as, "but" "yet," "for," "therefore," "then," etc. Place them by themselves.
6. Arrange your diagram so the KEY words and KEY ideas stand out. This can be done by CAPITALIZING words and by underlying words and phrases. It is also helpful to use colored pencils to highlight ideas. For instance, you might encircle or underline in red the words that are repeated.
7. Analyze the passage which you have diagramed.
   a. Study your verses and bracket those which seem to be on the same topic. Summarize the main thought in each grouping of verses and write your summary in the left margin. Try to summarize with one word or brief phrase.
   b. Make note of commands, warning, conditional clauses, reasons and results, illustrations, etc. List comments in margin.
   c. Use arrows and lines to show relationships, contrasts, comparisons and repetitions.

EXAMPLE OF STRUCTURAL DIAGRAM

James 3:13-18

General statement

v. 13 Who is wise and understanding
- *(Question)* among you?
  By his good life
- *(Answer)* LET him show his works
  in the meekness of wisdom.

Earthly wisdom

v. 14 BUT
- *(characteristics)* if you have { bitter jealousy and / selfish ambition } in your hearts
- *(commands)* { do not boast and / be false to the truth.

v. 15 THIS WISDOM is not such as comes down from above.
BUT
- *(source of earthly wisdom)* is { earthly / unspiritual / devilish.

v. 16 FOR
- *(cause and effect)* where { jealousy and / selfish ambition exist

(contrast) there will be { disorder and / every vile practice.

Heavenly wisdom

v. 17 BUT
- *(source)* the wisdom from above is
- *(characteristics)* { first pure / then peaceable / gentle / open to reason / full of mercy and good fruits
- { without uncertainty or / insincerity

v. 18 AND
- *(results)* the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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- The Verse

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Step 3
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100 Important Preposition List

1. About
2. Above
3. Abroad
4. According to
5. Across
6. After
7. Against
8. Ago
9. Ahead of
10. Along
11. Amidst
12. Among
13. Amongst
14. Apart
15. Around
16. As
17. As far as
18. As well as
19. Aside
20. At
21. Away
22. Because of
23. Before
24. Behind
25. Below
26. Beneath
27. Beside
28. Besides
29. Between
30. Beyond
31. But
32. By
33. By means of
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