

How to Put the Word Together

Hebrews 3 & 4

1. Quotes the Word
Hebrews 3:7-11,15; 4:3,4,5,7
2. Uses logic --> within (never outside) the bounds of the Word <--
Hebrews 3:12,16,17,18; 4:2,6,8,9,10
3. Knows his audience - what he can refer to without quoting
Hebrews 3:16-17 (Joshua and Caleb)
4. Puts verses together to draw conclusions
Hebrews 3:12 (v.8 "Harden not your heart" and v.10 "err in their heart" gives v.12 "evil heart of unbelief")
Hebrews 3:18 (v.10 "err in their heart" + "have not known my ways" = "believed not" which, with v.11, gives the conclusion in v.19, "they could not enter in because of unbelief.")
5. Pulls his audience in and shows how it applies to them
Hebrews 4:1-3
6. Uses supporting verses
Hebrews 4:4 ("works were finished" in v.3 supported by Genesis 2:2)
7. Emphasizes exact words when necessary
Hebrews 4:7-8 ("Today" in David's day and now)
8. Draws a final conclusion that makes the point
Hebrews 4:9-10
9. Ends with an exhortation - a call to a more worthy endeavor
Hebrews 4:11

Hebrews 4:12 KJV

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.