

# Scriptures Illustrating Sound Principles of Interpretation

## #1. Figures of Speech

- Figures of Resemblance {
- a. Metaphor (a direct form of comparison)  
Luke 13:32 ("fox")  
John 10:7, 9 ("door")
  - b. Simile (a comparison, using "like" or "as")  
Luke 13:34 ("as a hen doth gather her brood")
- Figures of Relationship {
- c. Metonymy (a relationship, mental rather than physical)  
John 12:6 ("had the bag")
  - d. Synecdoche (a relationship, physical rather than mental)  
Luke 10:23 ("Blessed are the eyes") (part for the whole)
- Figures of Emphasis {
- e. Meiosis (an understatement)  
Acts 21:39 ("no mean city")
  - f. Hyperbole (an overstatement, for emphasis)  
John 12:19 ("the world is gone after him")
- Figures of Delicacy {
- g. Euphemism (a more pleasant way of saying something painful or offensive)  
John 11:11-14 ("Our friend Lazarus sleepeth")
- Figures of Rebuke {
- h. Irony  
I Cor 4:6-10
- Parabolic Figures {
- i. Parable (an illustration, <sup>drawn from human experience</sup> of a moral or spiritual truth)  
Luke 15 (Note: ① Occasion, ② Story Content, ③ Interpretation, ④ Application)
  - j. Allegory (an extended Metaphor, or series of Metaphors woven together)  
Luke 8:4-15