

PICK A SIDE

CHARTING CONTRASTS IN SCRIPTURE

Charting Contrasts combines two Bible Interaction Tools. The first tool is a *journal* or a *study notebook*. Research shows that words written on a page register in our minds and memory differently than words typed on a page. When you write, you not only slow down, but you are interacting with Scripture, not just zipping through it.

The next tool is the *contrast chart* itself. In my example on Episode 71 of the More Than a Song podcast I used Josh Wilson's song, "That Was Then This is Now" to lead me to Ephesians 4 where I charted how Paul contrasts what we were like before Christ and how our lives should be IN Christ. By separating the characteristics into columns, you can see on the page the extreme differences between where we came from and where we should be. Hint: You want to see yourself in the right hand column!

that was then

this is now

that was then

this is now

Ephesians 4 that was then	this is now
hopelessly confused	Be humble
mindso full of darkness	gentle
wander far from the life God gives	patient w/each other
b/c of closed minds & hard hearts	make allowance for each other's faults
no sense of shame	stay/keep united in Christ
live for lustful pleasure	bind together in peace
eagerly practice every kind of impurity	one body - each part with a special gift
THROW THIS OFF! former way of life corrupted by lust corrupted by deception	renew your thoughts renew your attitudes put on new nature ↳ righteous ↳ holy
lies	Speak truth
anger controls (and harbored)	Anger doesn't control or last

this is what I need to work on (with arrow pointing to 'make allowance')

vs. 28+	
thief	quit stealing the hands for hard work
poverty spirit	give generously to those in need
fake & abusive language	use words that are good & helpful
words tear down	words encourage
bitterness rage anger harsh words slander all kinds of evil behavior	be kind be tenderhearted forgive one another ↳ like God through Christ has forgiven you
vs. 6 Don't be fooled vs. 7 Don't participate	
Full of darkness	have light from the Lord
vs. 9 proof of the light	

try it!