

Bible Word Helps

1. **Simile**- A comparison that uses like or as. (1st Peter 1:24) “All men are like grass”
2. **Metaphor**- A comparison where one thing represents something else. (Mt 5:13) “you are the salt of the earth”
3. **Personification**- To give human characteristics to objects, ideas, or animals. (Isa. 55:12) “The trees of the fields will clap their hands.”
4. **Anthropomorphism**- Ascribing the human characteristics to God. (Ezra 8:31) “The hand of our God was on us.”
5. **Idiom**- A peculiar way of saying something. (Acts 2:42) “Breaking of bread.”
6. **Euphemism**- To substitute an inoffensive or mild expression for an offensive one. (1st Samuel 24:3) “Relieve himself.”
7. **Hyperbole**- To exaggerate for emphasis. (John 21:25) “The whole world would not have room for the books.”
8. **Irony**- To express something in a sarcastic way which conveys the opposite. (1st Kings 18:27) “Shout louder, surely he is God.”
9. **Merism**- Where contrasting ideas are used to express a whole. Opposites (Psalm 102:12) “As far as the east is from the west.”