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15. Appendix: Samples of Textual Outlines

This appendix is a reference collection, not a teaching chapter. It gives worked examples of how to break a single verse or short passage into a simple outline for study or preaching.

Key takeaways

- Each sample takes one text and splits it into a few parallel points (e.g. Micah 6:8 as justice, mercy, humility).
- Many outlines use a memorable pattern of three or four short headings drawn straight from the wording of the verse.
- A recurring 'first...then' shape shows right order: relationships before worship, the plank before the speck, the Kingdom before other things (Matthew 5:24; 6:33; 7:5).

Scripture referenced

- **Micah 6:8** -- sample outline: justice, mercy, humility
- **Luke 9:23** -- discipleship as renunciation, daily renewal, following