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- **“...Rightly dividing...” (KJV, NKJV)**
  - **A Characteristic of Our Diligence**

# “...Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.”

- Expectation and commendation for gaining a working knowledge of God’s revelation:

Deut. 6:4-9

Josh. 1:8

Acts 17:11

Eph. 5:15-17

2 Tim. 3:14-17

Js. 1:21-25

# Dangers of Mishandling God's Word

**We cannot know who God is. We cannot know His expectations for us.**

- Who is God? (Gen. 1:1; Lev. 18-22; Job 38-41; 42:1-6; Rev. 4:8-11; 19:5-6)
- God's plan for man's salvation: (Jn. 1:1-5, 9-14; Eph. 1:10; 3:10-11)
- How can we be acceptable before God? (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3-4, 11; Rom. 12: 1-2)

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**We cannot discern between truth and error.**

- The use of a standard: (2 Tim . 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Cor. 4:13; 1 Thes. 2:13)
- The benefit of using a standard: (Eph. 3:3-5; Rom. 16:25-26; Col. 4:16; 1Cor. 4:17)
- Applying the standard: (1 Jn. 4:1; Acts 17:11)
- Deviating from the standard: (Jer. 10:23; Prov. 16:25; 2 Pet. 1:16-2:3, 12-15, 18; 3:14-18)



# Deviating From The Standard

(2 Pet. 1: 16 – 2: 3, 12-15, 18; 3: 14-18)

## **The Apostles**

- Didn't follow devised tales
- Were eyewitnesses
- We ourselves heard utterances
- Scripture not own interpretation
- Ready to make a defense

## **False Teachers**

- Secretly introduce heresies
- Many will follow
- Way of Truth maligned
- Unreasoning animals
- Having no knowledge
- Forsaking the right way
- Arrogant words of vanity
- Intimidation

# Dangers of Mishandling God's Word

## **We cannot teach others**

- The responsibility to teach: (Ezek. 3:17-21; 1 Pet. 3:15; 2 Tim. 4:1-2; Acts 4:18-20; 8:4-5, 35; 10:33; 16:32; 17:16, 23b; 18:26, 28; 20: 27, 31)
- Careless teachers: (Js. 3:1; Heb. 5:11-14; Lk. 6:39; Eph. 6:10-17; 2 Cor. 10:3-6)
- Teaching your children: (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:4-9; Gen. 18:17-19; 2 Tim. 1:4-5; 3:15)

# Practical Applications

1. Use your Bible daily
2. Do memory work
3. Prepare for Bible class
4. Bring Bible to Bible class and worship assemblies
5. Use Bible during Bible class and worship assemblies
6. Take Bible home from Bible class and worship assemblies
7. Attend gospel meetings
8. Make sure your children do #1 - #7
9. Talk to your children about God daily
10. After children go to bed, study some more
11. Listen to material in the car
12. Participate in Bible studies
13. Pray