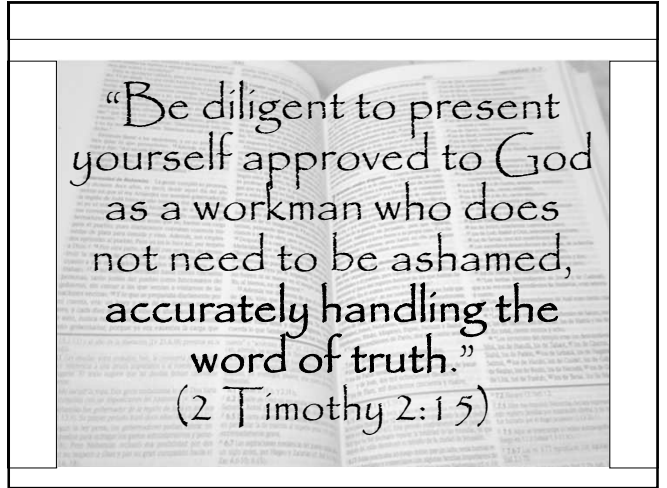
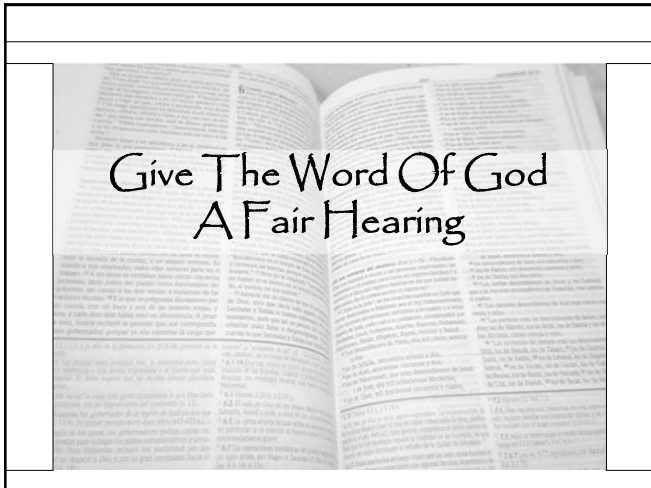


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Study All The Bible Says On Any Given Subject.

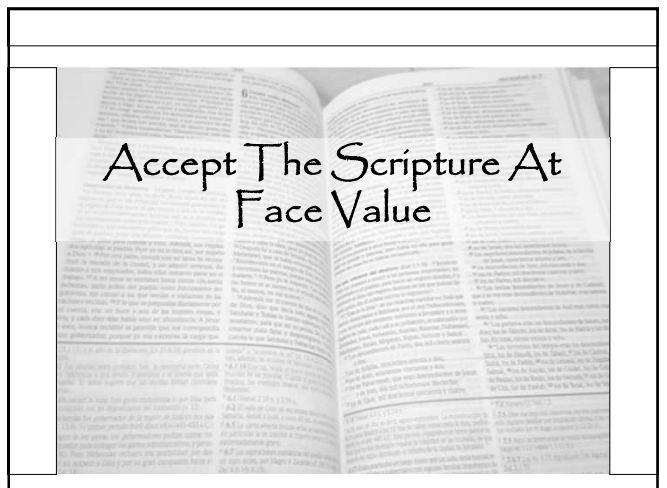
1. Never form a conclusion until you examine all God says on that subject. Truth does not contradict itself.
2. For example:
 - John 3:16 –Some conclude the only thing necessary for salvation is an intellectual agreement (belief or acceptance) that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
 - a. However, John 12:42-43 illustrates believers who are lost.
 - b. Faith that saves is described in James 2:14-26 as an obedient faith. Without works of obedience to God’s will, man will be lost. Luke 6:46; Matthew 7:21-23

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Do Not Study To Justify Yourself.

1. Some think it is an admission of weakness to say, “***I was wrong.***” Everyone should want to be right, but our motive for study should be to learn what is right and not just to prove we were never wrong!
2. Luke 16:14-15 –The Pharisees often questioned Jesus from this motive which caused them to pervert the truth.
3. 2 Corinthians 5:7 –We walk by faith, not sight.

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Let The Bible Mean What It Says.

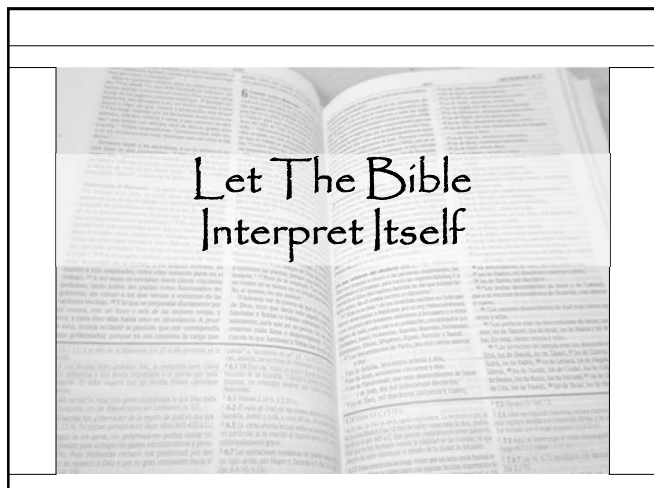
1. God has revealed to us what we need to know and understand. [Ephesians 3:3-5](#); [Deuteronomy 29:29](#)
2. Some turn away from the simple truths of the Bible in search for deeper philosophies of men or for mystical ceremonies. [2 Corinthians 11:3-4](#); [Colossians 2:6-8](#)
3. False teachers often use the more difficult passages of the Bible to teach some theory. [2 Peter 3:14-16](#)

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Do Not Let Prejudice Blind You.

1. If we “pre-judge,” making a decision without fair treatment of all the evidence, we will blind ourselves to truth. [2 Thessalonians 2:10-12](#)
2. Some do not understand the Bible, but the fault is not God’s. [Matthew 13:14-15](#)
3. Do not let Satan blind you through unbelief.
“... in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”
(2 Corinthians 4:4)

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Understand Difficult Passages In The Light Of Clear Passages.

1. Some scriptures are more difficult. [2 Peter 3:16](#)
2. For the mature Christian, the Bible has “meat,” but for the new babe in Christ there is “milk.” [Hebrews 5:13-14](#)
3. When studying a passage that seems confusing, be careful to harmonize it with other scriptures that clearly have but one meaning. Do not isolate scriptures in such a way as to form a contradiction, for God is not the author of confusion. [1 Corinthians 14:33](#)
4. The most important attitude is the willingness to study for yourself. [Acts 17:10-11](#); [John 7:17](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#)

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Do Not Worship The “Idols” Of The Devil.

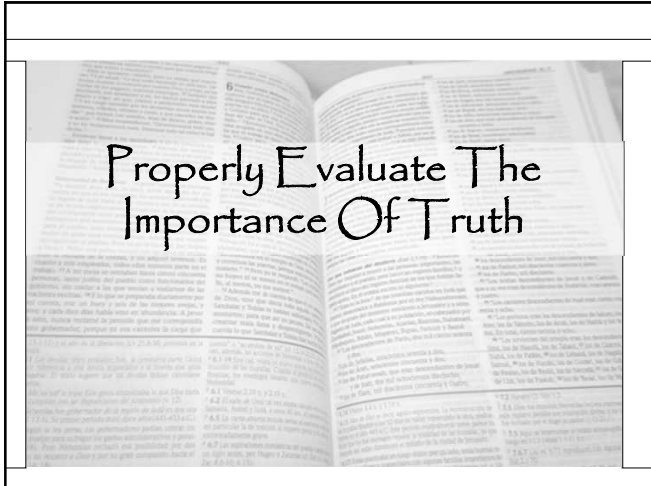
1. **Idol Of Personal Opinion:** “I know the Bible says ... but here’s what I think ...”
 Those who are “proud in the thoughts of their heart” reject God, [Luke 1:51](#); [Jeremiah 9:3-6, 13-16](#); [Isaiah 55:8-9](#); [Psalm 14:1](#).
2. **Idol of Wisdom:** “The ‘reverend’ Doctor So&So said this ... he is highly educated and should know.”
 His worldly wisdom might have blinded him. [1 Corinthians 1:18-25](#)
3. **Idol of Ecclesiasticism:** “Our church teaches ...”
 The religious leaders rejected Christ. Would you have followed them? [1 Corinthians 2:7-8](#); [2 Timothy 4:2-4](#); [Jeremiah 10:23](#).

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4. **Idol of Human Creeds:** “The catechism says thus and so ...” OR, “My pastor says ...” OR “My priest says ...”
 Doctrines of men are the source of religious division. [Matthew 15:7-9](#); [Proverbs 14:12](#)
5. **Idol of Inherited Traditions:** “My parents believed ... and if it was good enough for them, it is good enough for me.” [Romans 14:12](#); [Matthew 10:34-38](#). Paul left everything. [Philippians 3:3-8](#)
6. **Idol of Convenience:** “Believe what you want ... we are all headed to the same place.” [Matthew 7:21-23](#)
7. **Idol of Popularity:** “The majority believe this ... surely so many could not be wrong.” [Matthew 7:13-14](#)

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Buy Truth and Do Not Sell It.

1. Give up anything for the sake of truth, and once you have learned and obeyed it, refuse to part with it for any price. Proverbs 23:23;
Matthew 13:45-46
2. A desire for truth above all else will be rewarded. Matthew 5:6
3. Handle the truth with respect, reverence, and obedience. Romans 6:17-18

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Where to find Truth?

*“Sanctify them in the truth;
Your word is truth.” John 17:17*

*“The sum of Your word is truth, And every
one of Your righteous ordinances is
everlasting.” Psalm 119:160*

*“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the
truth, and the life; no one comes to the
Father but through Me.” John 14:6*

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Do Not Presume God Will Accept Anything Else.

1. Presumptuous sins are those which overstep the proper bounds of God’s word, assuming that God will accept our will. Leviticus 10:1-2;
Psalm 19:13-14
 - a. God has always required more than “good intentions.” 1 Samuel 15:22-23
2. The apostles taught that whether or not we accept God’s Will without alteration makes a difference to Him. Galatians 1:6-9; 2 John 9

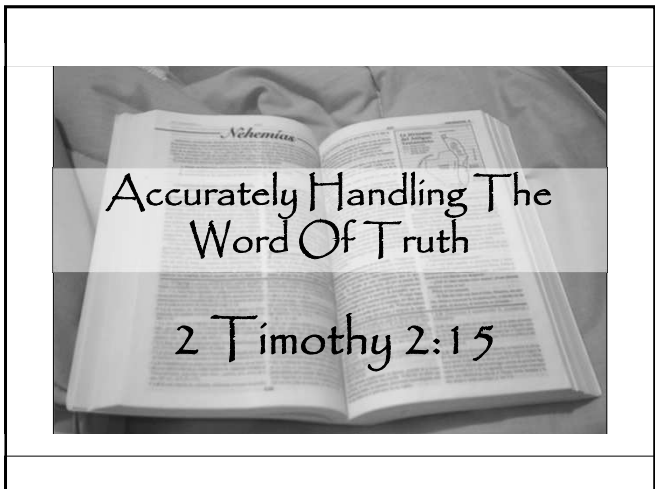
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3. “Adding to” or “taking from” God’s word brings a curse. Revelation 22:18-19
4. Remember that His word is everlasting, unchangeable, and the standard by which we will be judged. 1 Peter 1:23-25; John 12:48

*“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will not pass away.”
(Matthew 24:35)*

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Why Don't All Obey It?

Answer:

- God has assured us that when His word is preached that it will not return unto Him empty. Isaiah 55:10-11
- If it does not save all men, it is not because God does not will it so. 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9
- The trouble is ... some will not come to God!
"... and you are unwilling to come to me, so that you may have life." (John 5:40)

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CONCLUSION:

- If you are not a Christian, you must ...
 - Hear the gospel, Romans 10:17
 - Believe the gospel, Mark 16:15-16
 - Repent of sins, Acts 2:36-38
 - Confess faith in Jesus, Acts 8:36-37
 - Be Baptized, Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:26-27
- Obey the gospel *"for it is the power of God for salvation"* Romans 1:16-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; 1 Peter 4:17

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CONCLUSION:

- If you are a Christian, you must ...
 - Hold fast the word. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2
 - Not fall away. Hebrews 3:12-14
 - Remain faithful. Revelation 2:10b
 - Not forsake the assembly but encourage one another. Hebrews 10:23-25
 - Be dead to sin and alive to God. Romans 6:1-13
- ... Continue to grow in the faith.
 - 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 1: 5-11; 2 Peter 3:18

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