

## Rightly Dividing God's Word II Timothy 2:14- 19

### I. Intro.

- A. Throughout this study we will learn How to study the Word of God using principles that have been used for many years and using the Word of God as our reference.
- B. There are some preliminary foundational truths that must be in place before we can study the Word of God properly.
  - 1. **Ye must be born again.**
  - 2. **You must believe that this Bible is the inerrant, infallible Word of God.**
  - 3. It does not contain it -IT IS the Word of God.
  - 4. It is not just a book of do's and don't IT IS THE Word of God.
    - a) **2Ti 3:16** All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **2Ti 3:17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
  - 5. It is a love letter from heaven.
    - a) (Reference after reference in I John we will find the words: these things have I written unto you in one form or another). In this instance John was the penman used by

God to write these down for us in His love letter to mankind.

6. **The Word of God can only be studied with the help and direction from its Author through prayer.**
  7. **It must be studied contextually.**
  8. **It must be studied comparing Scripture with Scripture.**
  9. **It must be understood that the Word of God is of no private interpretation BUT will always point you to the cross of Calvary and salvation in and only of Jesus Christ.**
  10. **Any religion that keeps you from reading the Word of God is an occult and is not of God.**
- ii. **2Ti 2:14** **Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.**
- A. Put them in remembrance
  - B. We have been charged before the Lord
  - C. To Strive NOT about words to no profit
  - D. Not to subvert the hearers
  - E. But rather we are to **2Ti 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that

needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1. Study to shew ourselves approved unto God  
(This verse tells us the WHO and the WHY)
  - a) WHO - (YOU) - command not an option  
(You) Study
  - b) WHY - To shew ourselves approved unto God
    - (1) Not man
    - (2) Not a religion
    - (3) This is a declaration that we are to have a personal relationship with God - our Heavenly Father.
  - c) We study as a workman that needeth not to be ashamed
    - (1) (to *work*); *toil* (as an effort or occupation); by implication an *act*: - deed, doing, labour, work.
    - (2) a *toiler*; figuratively a *teacher*: - labourer, worker (-men)
    - (3) Requires effort, requires toiling, doing labour
    - (4) This is what brings us back to the purpose of this series of lessons so we will know:
      - (a) How to work - study
      - (b) Proper methods - to study

(5) As it says in our verse that we need not to be ashamed.

(a) **Jas 4:17** Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

(6) HERE's the key - "rightly dividing the word of truth."

(a) We want to rightly divide the Word of God:

i) **2Pe 3:14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent

(1) that ye may be found of Him:

(a) In peace,

(b) Without spot

(c) And blameless.

(2) **2Pe 3:15** And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

(3) **2Pe 3:16** As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, **which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest,**

**as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

(4) **2Pe 3:17** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing (The call to remembrance back in II Timothy 2:14)

(a) beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

(b) **2Pe 3:18** But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever.

d) Now we have used some of the principles that we looked at earlier in the introduction.

(1) We are going line by line verse by verse we are doing an expository lesson together.

(2) We also have compared Scripture with Scripture - which has given us a better understanding of why we should study the Word of God.

III. Now back to our Study in II Timothy **2Ti 2:16** But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness

A. We are to study To shew ourselves approved but also to

1. SHUN Profane and van babblings
2. This leads to more ungodliness

IV. The Bible tells us in **2Ti 2:17** And their word will eat as doth a canker:

A. of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

(1) **2Ti 2:18** Who concerning the truth have erred,

(a) saying that the resurrection is past already;

(b) and overthrow the faith of some.

v. **2Ti 2:19** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

VI. In conclusion:

A. Everything a believer needs is found in the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

B. But you must know how to study it in order to get the profit out of it that God intended.

C. You must follow God's prescribed method of study. God has given us this in 2 Timothy 2:15. "Rightly dividing" literally means "to cut straight.

D. If we read the context, we learn that there were two men that were erring in doctrine.

1. How were they erring?

2. They were saying that the resurrection was past.
  - a) What did this result in?
    - (1) The overthrowing and subverting of other believers.
    - (2) These guys did not leave and abandon the Scriptures, yet they were clearly teaching false doctrine. It isn't that they were unscriptural, but they were simply failing to rightly divide God's Word.
    - (3) By simply misplacing the time period of the resurrection, they were involved in false doctrine. If the resurrection was past, we are no longer in the time of grace, but in the last days of prophecy.