

## Rightly Dividing The Word of God II. Timothy 2:15

### Intro.

1. Rightly dividing the Word of God. Knowing how to study. Key things to look for that will help us maximize our study time.
2. Our text goes us gives us the reasons why we should study.
  1. It is a command
  2. To show ourselves approved unto God
  3. Because we are workmen
  4. That we need not be ashamed.
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3. We have been told to Shun profane and vain babblings - because that increases ungodliness
4. An example from our was given of two men that were guilty of not correctly interpreting the Scriptures. to study.
5. Different forms of study that we have looked at so far:
6. Expository
  1. This was our study on Joshua
  2. Pastor's study through Genesis
  3. Series of messages preached through Ephesians
  4. This by far is the most impactful.
  5. Last week we compared it to a house being built and being able to view that entire house inside and out in one setting.
7. Textual
  1. Is what our current study is - we are taking a passage of Scripture and using it as a Foundation for which to build our doctrine, faith and beliefs upon.
  2. We compare it to a puzzle. We see it more clearly as we bring the other pieces into focus.
8. Topical
  1. Was last week's lesson on Joy or our lesson studies on the exceeding great and precious promises found in the Word of God or the study we did not too long ago on the passage of Scripture that encourages to think on these things.....
  2. We compare it to a 3D lego set. We take a topic and build our

doctrine, faith and beliefs based upon how that thought (Word) is used in other passages of Scripture.

4. This week we will try to look at two:

The First Mention Principle

The Full Mention Principle

1. The First Mention Principle (Our Pastor mentions this principle often)

1. By definition - The principle in which God indicates in the first mention of a subject, the truth with which that subject stands connected in the mind of God..
2. One commentator says this, "I find in Scripture this principle of interpretation will serve as a unfailing guide to what is in the mind of God".
3. Another commentator put it this way, "The first time a subject is mentioned in the Scripture it carries with it a meaning that will be carried with all through the Word of God.
4. KEEP IN MIND.... there is only one speaker throughout all of Scripture, although there are many mouths. - Hebrews 1:1  
**Heb 1:1** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets

5. By example

1. The Subtlety of Satan - Genesis 3:1. **Gen 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
  1. Two things to note here: 1.) The subtilty of Satan.  
2.) Note the word eat.....
  2. Using the first mention principle we understand the The first time the serpent is mentioned in the Word of God, his dominant characteristic of subtilty is revealed to us.
  3. All through the Word of God what is the one thing we know for sure about Satan he is subtle.
  4. By comparing Scripture with Scripture we this truth

is revealed again to us in II Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

5. By applying the first mention principle to our daily devotions we have learned that a great truth that is carried all throughout the Scriptures and that is the subtlety of Satan.

1. In Matthew 4 we find Satan testing the Lord.

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2. Consider this:

1. Hunger is the most innocent and necessary of human desires.

1. Man never gets hungry because of sin.

2. Man needed food before the fall

3. God intends that a hungry man should eat.

2. Satan knew when to come, he was subtle

3. Jesus quoted the Word of God

4. Second testing was at the temple

5. Third testing was the kingdoms of the world.

2. The business of Satan

1. Back in Genesis we also discovered that Satan continuously questions the Word of God. Note Genesis 3:1 again, "Yea hath God said...."

2. NOTE: These are the first words we have recorded in the Word of God found in the OT of Satan.

3. I am convinced that is one of the reasons we have so many watered down versions of the Word of God.

4. He is continually questioning and contradicting the Word of God.

3. Now compare that to what we find in Luke 4:3, "If thou be

the Son of God...

6. Let's look at another example of the first mention principle -  
The keynote of Christ's ministry - Luke 2:49 Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?
  1. These words epitomize of why Jesus came and His purpose for coming.
  2. These few words speak volumes if we but listen.
  3. His last words on the cross were It is finished completing His father's business.
7. Faith - Genesis 15:6
  1. Abraham believed God and He counted it to him for righteousness.
  2. This principle pervades the whole book.
8. One more - Genesis 1:2 (this one is interesting)

**Gen 1:2** And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1. Moved means brooded. Much like a bird does over a nest of eggs.
2. We learn more about the Holy Spirit of God over in the New Testament and there we find that He moves on the hearts of sinners stirring them to salvation.
3. He moves on the hearts of the Christian to stir them and bring them into remembrance the things of the Word of God.
4. He indwells us and we feel and know His presence in our lives.

## II. The Full Mention Principle

A. By definition - that principle by which God declares His full mind upon any subject vital to our spiritual life.

B. Examples:

1. I Corinthians 15 - The Resurrection
2. James 3 - The Tongue
3. Hebrews 11 - Trials and Triumphs of faith
4. The Church - Ephesians 1-3

5. The suit of armor - Ephesians 6:10-17
6. Spiritual gifts - I. Corinthians 12-14
7. Last things of this life - Matthew 24
8. The Law - Exodus 20
9. Righteousness by faith - Romans 3:10-21
10. The final judgement - Revelation 20

Next week we will take Love and look at this principle more closely.