

Rightly Handling the Word

2 Timothy 2:14-19

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Main Idea: Before God, we must rightly handle His Word when studying and sharing, resulting in right assurance and right living.

Before God, we must not mishandle His Word when studying and sharing.

- *14a Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words,*
- *16a But avoid irreverent babble,*

Consequences of mishandling His Word

- *14b which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.*
- *16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,*
- *17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.*

Before God, we must rightly handle His Word when studying and sharing.

- *15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*
 - *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Result of rightly handling His Word

- *19 But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."*

So What?

How do I rightly handle His Word when studying and sharing?

1. Prayerfully approach the Bible with the expectation to see what needs to be seen.
 - a. *Psalm 119:18*
2. Prayerfully read and study the Bible with the expectation to understand.
 - a. *Psalm 119:27*
3. Prayerfully meditate on the Bible to see the character and the ways of God.
 - a. *Psalm 119:15*

4. Prayerfully read and study the Bible to see how it points to Jesus Christ.
 - a. *Luke 24:25-27*
 - b. *John 5:39-40*
5. Prayerfully interpret Scripture with Scripture.
 - a. *Genesis 12:7, Galatians 3:16*
6. Prayerfully read and study the Bible with the expectation to believe and obey.
 - a. *Psalms 119:34*
 - b. *James 1:22-25*
7. Prayerfully read and study the Bible with the expectation to share.
 - a. *Colossians 4:2-4*
8. Prayerfully read and study the Bible in community.
 - a. Gathering of the Local Church for worship and preaching of the Word.
 - b. Growth Group