

GETTING SCRIPTURE RIGHT



Handle with care

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly** [skillfully, correctly] handling the word of truth.” 2 Tim 2:15



“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power** of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” **Rom 1:16**

“For the word of God is living and **powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” **Heb 4:12**



1. God's Word is pure/perfect



“The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.” Ps 12:6

“As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven;” Ps 18:30

“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;” Ps 19:7-8



2. God's Word is inspired/infallible



“All Scripture is breathed out by God [Theopneustos]” 2 Tim 3:16

“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.” 1 Pet 1:10-11

“knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” 2 Pet 1:20-21



3. God's Word is truth



“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” Jn 17:17

“All Scripture is ... profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” 2 Tim 3:16-17



“The Bible is the final court of arbitration for truth.” Hank Hanegraaff



4. God's Word is sacrosanct



“Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.” **Prov 30:6**

“You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. ...
³² “Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.” **Deut 4:2; 12:32**



“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.” **Rev 22:18-19**



“Christian preachers, teachers, and authors should be concerned not only with communicating a correct principle or point, but also with communicating a correct method of arriving at that principle or point. What is communicated about how we are supposed to handle God’s Word matters as much as the principle or point itself ... [The] mishandling of Scripture not only sets a bad example, it damages the church’s ability to criticize, or even recognize, the faulty interpretive methods of cults and aberrant teachers.”

Steve Bright, M.A. from Southern Evangelical Seminary, assoc. editor of *Christian Research Journal*



**5. Reading Scripture is one thing –
but the key is *handling it correctly!***



6. How do we do that?



- Leadership of the Holy Spirit
- Obeying the laws of Hermeneutics



“And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” **Acts 2:38**

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,” **Phil 2:12**

