

## BIBLICAL WISDOM #16 - RIGHTLY DIVIDE

### 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26

Scripture contains many contrasts. A contrast draws a sharp comparison between two things and SHOULD be instructive.

#### I. STUDY PRAYERFULLY

- A. Without fellowship we WILL go adrift (AMOS 3:3)
  - 1. And He never changes (HEB. 13:8)
  - 2. Backsliding takes my eyes off God (PROV. 14:14)
- B. Bible and prayer form a dia (between) - logue (words)
  - 1. Old literary works depicted a "conversation"
  - 2. Understanding came through discussion
- C. Compare and consider God's wisdom (1 Cor. 2:13)

#### II. STUDY PATIENTLY

- A. "Rome was not built in a day" Learning takes time.
  - 1. We build a brick at a time (foundation first)
  - 2. The Bible is the same way ISA. 28:9-13
  - 3. Verse, Chapter, and Book - Doctrine-by-doctrine
- B. Don't jump to conclusions - ACTS 1:5 & ACTS 2:2
  - 1. Event happened once, not for churches EPH. 4:5
  - 2. (BAPTIDZO) is common word MARK 7:4 / 1 COR. 10:2
  - 3. Misinterpretation creates mistaken doctrines!

#### III. STUDY PROPERLY

- A. Who is speaking? To whom is it spoken?
  - 1. GEN. 3:5 - Is that a verse new doctrine?
  - 2. 2 PETER 3:4 - Has the Lord forgotten us?
- B. Don't rend the Scripture from its CONTEXT!
  - 1. Does baptism save? 1 PET. 3:21? (NO! vs. 20)
  - 2. Baptism for the dead? 1 COR. 15:29 (vs. 16!)
  - 3. No judgement? MATT. 7:1 (NO! JOHN 7:24)
  - 4. Changes "understanding" when context considered.
- C. Disregard chapter divisions (ACTS 21:40 ends in comma)
- D. Study to know, study to prepare, study to mull it over
  - 1. Need to be ready to DEFEND (1 PETER. 3:15)
  - 2. Need to be relentless in DEDICATION (COL. 3:16)

#### IV. STUDY PURPOSEFULLY

- A. Don't worry about "things" (Cain's wife, Where did God come from? The two witnesses? Angels unaware? Etc.)
- B. Bible stands or falls together as a unit 2 TIM. 3:16

AMOS 3:3 - "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

HEB. 13:8 - "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

PROV. 14:14 - "The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself."

1 COR. 2:13 - "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

BAPTIDZO (G907) - From a derivative of G911 (bapto); to makewhelmed (that is, fully wet); used only (in the New Testament) of ceremonial ablution, especially (technically) of the ordinance of Christian baptism: - baptist, baptize, wash."

JOHN 7:24 - "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

1 PETER 3:15 - "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

COL. 3:16 - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."