



2 Timothy 2:14-18 **How Do We Handle the Word Correctly?**

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Don't Wrangle About Words

2 Timothy 2:14

Remind them of **these things**, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God **not to wrangle about words**, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.

"These things" = 2 Tim. 2:8-13

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Handle God's Word Accurately

2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth**.

"Accurately handling" = to cut straight

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Don't Follow the "Progressives"

2 Timothy 2:16-18

But **avoid worldly and empty chatter**, for it **will lead** to further ungodliness, **17** and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, **18** men who have gone astray from the truth saying that **the resurrection has already taken place**, and they upset the faith of some.

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Progressive Heresy of Asia Minor

Over-Realized Eschatology:

1. Resurrection already occurred/won't occur
2. Eat only "pre-fall" food?
3. Forbid marriage
4. Gender roles didn't matter
5. Sexual immorality didn't matter

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Applications

1. All believers in Christ must strive to accurately handle the word of God.
2. All believers must have a love for God's word.

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How Do We Interpret God's Word?

Hermeneutics: The art and science of interpreting the Bible.

Exegesis: Interpreting out of the Bible **what is actually there.**

Eisegesis: Reading into the Bible **what we want to be there.**

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How Do We Interpret God's Word?

We can't know what God hasn't revealed: Deut. 29:29; Gal. 5:20

The author grounds the meaning:
2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21

The text can't ever mean what it never meant: Cahn and Isaiah 9

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How Do We Interpret God's Word?

The text has only one meaning, but it can have many implications:

- Ephesians 4:28

We must bridge the hermeneutic gap by historical/grammatical rules:

- Matt. 18:18; 20:17
- Titus 2:13

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We Must Pursue God's Word

John 6:60

Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "**This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?**"

John 6:68

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have words of eternal life.**"

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