

THREE VITAL KEYS IN

RIGHTLY DIVIDING

GOD'S WORD

PART ONE

"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

- If you do not rightly divide the Bible, you come up with _____ answers.
- Let's examine three guiding principles that will enable you to rightly divide God's Word. We'll cover two today and one next week.

First, you must carefully examine _____ God is addressing.

- The Bible divides humanity into three groups.

"Give no offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God." 1 Corinthians 10:32

- God's Word is always directly addressing one of these groups or individuals within one of these groups.
- The entire Bible is written _____ us, but it's not all written _____ us.
- Every passage has a **doctrinal** application for the group addressed and a **practical** application for people of _____ ages.

Second, you must always place Scripture in its _____ context.

“As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.” **2 Peter 3:16**

- There are distinct divisions in the Bible that must be distinguished.
- These divisions indicate a _____ way in which God is dealing with mankind, different from the previous time period.
- These divisions are referred to as dispensations.
- God’s requirements _____ in each dispensation.

“If you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you.” **Ephesians 3:2**

- Most _____ doctrine today is derived from taking Scriptures out of their context.

Rightly dividing the Word of God means placing Scripture in its proper context. If not, you can make the Bible say virtually anything you _____ it to say.