

# THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE



## PART 1

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 teaches that everything a believer \_\_\_\_\_ is found in the Bible.**

- It's God's source of revelation to \_\_\_\_\_.
- But you must know **how** to study the Bible in order to get the \_\_\_\_\_ out of it that God intended.

**2 Timothy 2:15 holds the key in \_\_\_\_\_ to study the Bible.**

1. Studying the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. You cannot approach the Word of God haphazardly.
3. You must "rightly divide the word of truth."
  - The phrase "rightly dividing" literally means "to cut straight."
4. When you read the Bible, you have to pay attention and make \_\_\_\_\_ distinctions.

**2 Timothy 2:17-18 gives us an example of wrongly dividing.**

- Paul gives us an example of two men who were wrongly dividing the Bible. He said that they had erred from the truth.

- “Erred” means “to \_\_\_\_\_ the mark.”

- They didn’t abandon God’s Word; they \_\_\_\_\_ to rightly divide God’s Word!
- People can \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible and quote Scripture, but fail to rightly divide it.
- The Bible can actually be a very dangerous book if it is not rightly divided.

*“For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.”*

### **2 Corinthians 2:17**

*“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**

The Bible can \_\_\_\_\_ you beyond measure when it is rightly divided and handled correctly.