



HOW TO PREVENT SPIRITUAL SHIPWRECK

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- Paul mentions two men that had experienced spiritual shipwreck . They had swerved off course and ended up shipwrecked.
- This can happen to anybody in his or her Christian life. It is so easy to get caught up in the wrong things and get off track.
- We can end up in so much trouble, stranded and shipwrecked spiritually.
- How do you prevent this from happening in your life?

First, by holding firmly to your _____

- Faith is exercising a complete, unwavering _____ in God and in God's Word.
- *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* **Hebrews 11:6**
- _____ desires to undermine our faith.
- *"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* **Romans 10:17**
- How can we have faith in God if we do not know what God has said?

Second, by keeping a _____ conscience

- Conscience is that within us which enables us to distinguish between _____ and wrong.

- *“Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.” Romans 2:15*
- But conscience **must** be _____.
- How do we instruct our conscience? Through God’s _____!
- God’s Word is what grows our faith (confidence) in God, which, in turn, instructs our conscience and keeps it _____.
- The word “*shipwreck*” aptly describes the person whose conscience has been defiled and seared. Titus 1:15-16

Third, by _____ **dividing God’s Word**

- Paul names two men that had become spiritually shipwrecked.
- Their false teaching revolved around the issue of the resurrection of the saints. They were teaching it had already happened.
- Their wrong division of the resurrection would then lead to a host of other _____ teachings.
- We must follow God’s prescribed method of how to study the Bible – rightly dividing the Word of truth.
- If not, we can end up getting sucked into false doctrine and end up spiritually shipwrecked.

- These men in our text were not good soldiers. They had gone AWOL.
- God desires _____ from His children.



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