

Study

What are we called to do? 2 Timothy 2:15a STUDY!

- But the Bible isn't an easy read and sometimes Ellen White's writings are hard to digest
- That's because we are to chew what we read thoroughly as if it were eating food [such as bread] and are to take our time chewing
- Just remember: *Men may get up scheme after scheme and the enemy will seek to seduce souls from the truth, but all who believe that the Lord has spoken through Sister White and has given her a message will be safe from the many delusions that will come in these last days.*--3SM 83, 84 (1906).

Why? 2 Timothy 2:15b Be approved unto God

- **How does that Work?**
 - "See God, I'm reading and reading!!!" Nope
 - John 17:17 **Sanctify** them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Does it matter how? 2 Timothy 2:15c Yes - Rightly dividing the word of truth

Is it possible to study and not get it? 2 Timothy 3:7 Yes

What can get in the way? 2 Timothy 2:14 Striving with words to no profit

Although many Bible words can be used to strive for no profit, it can also apply to

- Those having a favorite team and arguing against someone who doesn't share that same sentiment
- Those having a favorite music band and cannot understand why someone would like "that other stuff"
- Those who argue in guessing the mystery of a TV series or disagreeing with an episode
- Those who argue why a certain candidate should or should not be in office
- Those who argue why or why not a policy should be passed

What else can get in the way? 2 Timothy 2:14 Words that subvert the hearers

- What is our mission? Three Angels' Messages
- What can subvert hearers? Picking up topics that just don't matter
 - Women's ordination
 - New prophecies or takes on existing prophecies
 - LGBT
 - Minority rights

What ought we do when people talk these things? 2 Timothy 2:16a Shun those topics

What will it lead into if we don't? 2 Timothy 2:16b Ungodliness (could lose salvation)

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What are people not to do? Proverbs 13:13 despise the Word

How do people despise?

- Sure, atheists try to disprove it.
- Christian that don't want to keep the Sabbath will twist the Word
- But when we hear something, don't know how to implement it in modern times, and we react negatively, that's despising the Word
 - REVEAL COMPLETE WILL OF GOD
 - He wants movies and TV cut out
 - He wants novel reading, story reading, etc. cut out
 - He wants all secular music cut out along with false religious music
 - He wants us cutting out all forms of amusements that are not godly
 - He wants us dressed to the neck down to mid calf
 - He wants us to cut out all unhealthy foods including:
 - Bleached products
 - Unnatural sugars
 - Spices that are hard to digest
 - And even become Vegan
 - He wants us far away from neighbors and live off the land
 - He wants us out actively sharing the gospel and holding Bible studies
 - Yes, He wants a lot but it is because the devil has introduced a lot

What should be our reaction? Proverbs 13:13 Obedience [God said it, that's it!]

What does it offer? Proverbs 13:14 Life [eternal] and avoidance of the [second] death

What two reactions are there towards God's Word? Proverbs 13:15

- Having a good understanding
 - Knowing all of that we go through prepares us to dwell with Him
- Having a hard time understanding
 - That's because they try to hold onto the world while claiming to be wholly God's

What two types of application is there? Proverbs 13:16

- Prudent
 - "Acting with or showing care and thought for the future"
- Foolish
 - Constantly caught by surprise for they do not examine the ramifications

What is the results of either paths? Proverbs 13:18

- Poverty and shame, even loss of life in hell
- Honor so much so that we shall receive crowns, a harp, and a palm branch

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Spiritually, how will people react on either path? Proverbs 13:19

- One group says it is sweet and want more
- The other group find it an abomination to leave evil

What help can we seek for either path? Proverbs 13:20

- Surround ourselves with those wise in the Word and we will become wiser in the Word
- Surround ourselves [including reading] with content of those that are fools [wise towards the world] and we will become more foolish, worldly

What is the focus? Psalms 119:105 Be guided by God's Word and

- not opinions,
- information from Babylonians,
- information from the Beast, or
- information from the unbelievers [Psychologists, medical professionals, etc.]