

PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN LIVING: A ROAD MAP TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH

HANDLING THE SCRIPTURES ACCURATELY

SELECTED SCRIPTURES



The Heart of the Matter

“You can prove anything you want from the Bible!” Have you ever heard someone say that? Probably. For the most part, it’s true! If a person really wants to find biblical justification for some belief or action—and if he or she is willing to quote half-verses, rip passages out of context, and twist the meaning of words—then that person can “prove” just about anything from the Bible. We need to develop good habits and cultivate correct methods of handling the Word of God so that we can avoid engaging in or falling victim to spiritual abuse. We’ll also become better students, interpreters, and appliers of Scripture.



Discovering the Way

1. The Problem: Mishandling the Bible

Not everyone who handles Scripture handles it accurately.

2. Our Need: Maintaining the Meaning (Matthew 9:10–13; 12:1–8; 15:1–14; 16:5–12)

Jesus faced off against those who mishandled Scripture in His day. The same will be true for us. We must keep in mind the goal of Bible study and teaching—to maintain the meaning!

3. An Example: Ezra and the Scroll (Nehemiah 8:1–9)

Ezra’s teaching of the rediscovered Law is one of the clearest illustrations of the Scripture being handled correctly, accurately, and with needed sensitivity.



Starting Your Journey

As we seek to handle Scripture accurately, there are five principles to remember.



Tools for Digging Deeper



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