

How to "Break Down" a Scripture - Part 1

THE IMPORTANCE OF RIGHTFULLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF GOD

- A. There are some unwelcomed tendencies present today.
 - 1. There is the tendency to study about the Bible without studying what's in the Bible.
 - 2. There is the tendency neglect the Bible in classes.
 - a. There are so many lesson helps prepared and quarterlies written that many teachers fail to use the Bible in their classes.
 - b. The Bible school exists sole for Bible study.
 - c. Whether it is called Bible School, Sunday School, Bible Classes, etc., the important thing is that the Bible should not lose its place in that school.
 - 3. There is the tendency not to encourage every student to bring a Bible to Bible class. If they do not have one or cannot afford one, the elders will see to it that they receive one.
 - 4. There is the tendency to emphasize method over content.
 - 5. There is the tendency to treat the Sunday School program as a necessary stepchild.
- B. **"Breaking Down" a Scripture infers that one is taking the larger and serving it in smaller portion.**
 - 1. 2 Timothy 2:15 – "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
 - a. KJV renders it: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
 - b. ASV renders it: "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth. "
 - c. RSV renders it: Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
 - 2. Either way, Scriptures are to be:
 - a. **Rightly divided . . . not wrongly divided.**
 - b. **Handled rightly . . . not handled wrong.**

