

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **Rightly Dividing The Word Of Truth.**" 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV*

The right ingredients do not guarantee a good pie. I may have all the ingredients necessary, but if I know nothing about cooking, no pie. Study and training allow chefs to turn ordinary ingredients into gourmet dining. A solitary ingredient is often unpalatable; flour alone is very disagreeable compared with hot baked bread. Which would you choose? The right mixture of ingredients becomes a tantalizing aroma and mouth-watering taste sensation! Spices make plain pleasurable. Salt is an essential spice in almost every dish.



Jesus said, *"Ye are the salt of the earth."* Are we? Meats have to be seasoned and cooked. Grains have to be ground and mixed with other ingredients. Some foods are best alone. For example; a tree ripened peach. While there may be many ways to prepare it, it is best eaten plucked from the tree and savored at the peak of its sun-warmed, sweet, juicy ripeness. Perhaps this is why God likens the evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives to fruit; best savored straight from the source. Jesus said, *"I Am the Bread of Life."* Perfectly measured, seasoned, prepared, and presented as the very staple of existence; buttered with the Love of God; and a plethora of pleasure to the senses! *"Thy Words were found, and I did eat Them; more to be desired are They than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. The Judgments of the LORD Are True and Righteous Altogether. Moreover by Them is thy servant Warned: and in keeping of them there Is Great Reward."* God's Word is all Powerful and Will Destroy as well as Create. When God Speaks, nothing becomes substance or existence never was! We are to *"rightly divide"* the Word of Truth." You don't allow a child to drive a bulldozer. Careful study and use of God's Word allows the believer to bring the Light of Truth to the world. Many, unskillful in its use, do more harm than good. Electricity is deadly, but *"rightly divided"* it brings warmth and light to millions. Studying under the Holy Spirit's tutelage will allow us to skillfully mete Truth to all who desire Its Beauty. Meditation is the "homework" of study. To a cow, a daisy is no different than grass, but to a child, it is a thing of wonder. Reprobates trample Truth, but it is Life Itself to believers! Discern between bovine mentality and seeking sinners. Let the Spirit Guide you. *"Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you, [but] cast not your pearls before swine."* Don't hesitate to share the Truth of The Blessed Hope, but hold your tongue in the company of fools!

"Approved of God." For this we strive,
We carefully the Truth divide,
That others we might Light provide,
To one day with their Lord abide. –CGP

Believers have the recipe for what men spend millions to attain; ETERNAL LIFE. Let's be neither stingy nor careless. *"For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the WORD preached did not profit them, not being mixed with Faith in them that heard it."* Many will refuse the Gift of Faith, but as many as receive It will God Give the Power to become His Child, *"even to them that BELIEVE on His Name."* Obedience to Truth gives your words credence!

"But sanctify (preserve) the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." 1 Peter 3:15-16 KJV