

Twisted Scriptures

II Pet. 3:14-18

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- **14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand which untaught and unstable**

Peter Warns Against The Danger of Departure From God's Word (1)

- Word of God...
 - Produces like precious faith (1:1)
 - Provides all things that pertain to life and godliness (1:3)
 - Calls us to glory and virtue (1:3)
 - Gives us exceeding and great promises (1:3)
 - Instructs those who have escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust to be partakers of the divine nature. (1:4-10)
 - Ministers and entrance into the everlasting kingdom. (1:11)

Peter Warns Against The Danger of Departure From God's Word (2)

- There were false prophets among the people as there will be false teachers among you. (2:1)
 - Damnable heresies
 - Deny the Lord who bought them
 - Destruction to be their end
 - Deceivers who were lascivious and covetous
- Their followers would be many. (2:1)
- Their judgment is sure. (2:4-10)

Peter Warns Against The Danger of Departure From God's Word (2)

- Their character is corrupt and perverse.
(2:10-22)
 - Despise authority. (2:10)
 - Self-willed. (2:10)
 - Have forsaken the right way. (2:15)
 - Speak great swelling words of vanity.
(2:18)
 - Promise liberty while the servants of
corruption. (2:19)

Peter Warns Against The Danger of Departure From God's Word (3)

- Be mindful of the word of the holy prophets and apostles (Jn. 16:13; Eph. 3:3-5)
- These mockers and scoffers asked: "Where is the promise of his coming?"
 - They are willingly ignorant (it has deliberately escaped their notice) of God's word. (3:5-7)
 - Peter exhorts his readers to not be ignorant (3:8ff)
 - The Lord will come. All must be ready. (3:10-15)

Warns of those who twist the scriptures to their

How People View The Bible...

- More than 50 % think that the Bible has too little influence on a culture in decline, yet only 1 in 5 read on a regular basis.
- 88% own a Bible ; 57 % read their Bible only 4 times a year or less...
- Younger people moving away from the Bible. 57 % ages 18-28 read their Bibles less than 3 times a year if any. (Barna Group, 2013)

Many fail to handle the scriptures



"It's a pickle jar, Tom... Twist the lid, not scripture."



Satan Is The Original Scripture Twister

- Gen. 3:1-4 → 1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" ...4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.
- Matt. 4:5-6 → 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over

Satan And His Ministers – II

Cor. 11

- 3 But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty**, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.
- 13 **For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.**
- 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is

Why Scripture Twisting?

- Some are agenda driven. (II Pet. 2:3; Gal. 1:6-9; I Jn. 2:22-24; 4:1,6)
- Some are deliberately ignorant. (II Pet. 2:5; II Thess. 2:9-12)
- Some depend on the understanding of others. (Eph. 5:17; 3:3-5; Matt. 10:37)
- Some do not give the time and effort essential. (Ps. 1:1-3; Acts 17:11)
- Some practice “proof texting” rather than taking a passage in it’s context. (Job. 2:9; Gal. 3:26; Jn. 6:37; Jn. 10:28)