

2 Tim. 4:1-5

Rightly Dividing the Word of God

2Ti 4:1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Ti 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.



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WHICH ONES DO WE "ENFORCE" ?
WHO DECIDES ?
WHAT VERSE SAYS SO ?

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Q: How about using BAPTISM as our line of fellowship?

A:

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

1Ti 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables...

A: Did the apostles extend the right hand to every person who had ever been baptized? NO.



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Q: How about "Agreement in Every Matter Of Faith" being the test for fellowship?

A:

Rom 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Rom 14:20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offense.

Rom 14:21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Rom 14:22 Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

Rom 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.

A: Did the apostles deny the right hand to everyone who got a doctrine wrong? NO.



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Q: I give up!

What IS the common denominator with bona fide fellowship issues such as ... tongues, 1000 year reign, the Pope, women elders, etc?

A:

Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all **readiness of mind**, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Act 17:12 **Therefore** many of them **believed**; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

A:

Anything clearly contradicted by the Bible is false doctrine and must be reproved.



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Q: WHO decides what is a clear contradiction of God's Word?

A:

1Ti 6:3 **If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words,** even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

1Ti 6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings.

1Ti 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such **withdraw thyself.**

A: YOU do! Just like Timothy did.

A: The church does. Matt. 18:15-18.

A: But God will bring us into judgment for these things (Eccl 12:14) and time will make clear who the Lord blesses (1Cor 4:5)



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**Q: Show me how this works on:
CLERGY-LAITY**

A:

Mat 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

Mat 23:6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

Mat 23:7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.

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There is no reasonable case here**

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TONGUES & MIRACLES**

A:

1Co 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

1Co 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

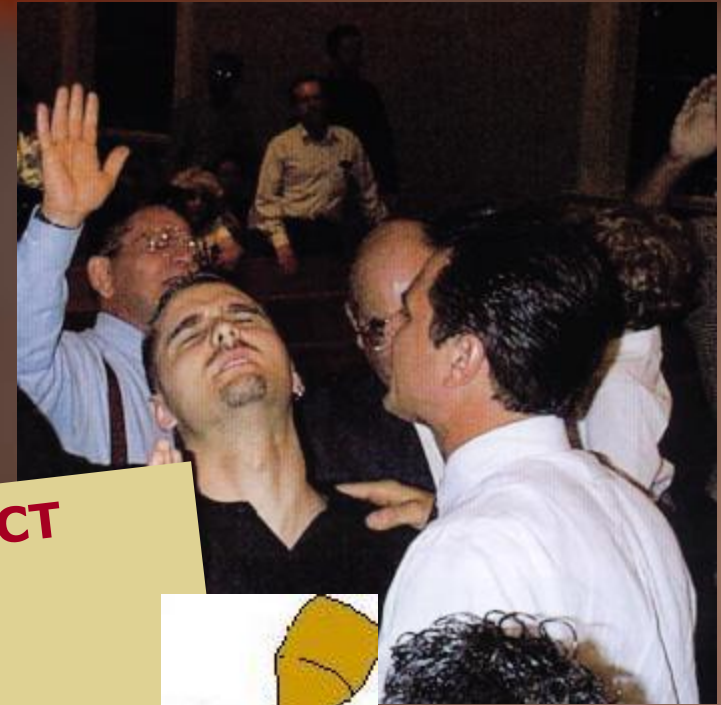
1Co 13:12 I know in part, I understand in part, I become known in part.

1Co 13:13 But when that which is perfect is come, then shall I know as I am known, but then shall I know in part, I shall understand in part, I shall be known in part.

1Co 13:14 These things abide, charity, hope, and love, these three abide, the most excellent way.

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**Q: Show me how this works on:
WEDDINGS IN THE BUILDING**

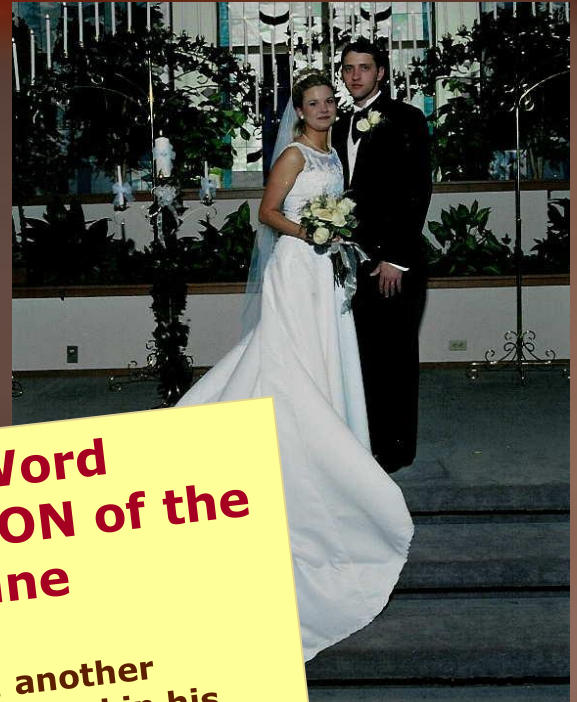
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1Ti 3:14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

1Ti 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth;

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they which labor in the word and doctrine. If any man will not do the same, let him be despised, and not counted with them. Blessed is he that will be counted worthy of honor.

The church is serious
An honest church
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**This is NOT a case of perverting the Word
There is no PROVABLE CONTRADICTION of the
Word here – therefore no false doctrine**

Rom 14:5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

Rom 14:6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

Rom 14:9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

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1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

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