

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2Timothy 2:15

Ingredients do not guarantee a pie. I may have all the ingredients necessary to produce a pie, but I may know nothing about cooking. Chefs turn ordinary ingredients into gourmet dining. Ingredients alone are often unpalatable. Ordinary flour, for example, without salt, sugar, water, yeast, and heat, is very disagreeable. Compare each ingredient with hot baked



bread. Which would you choose? The right mixture of ingredients becomes a mouth-watering aroma and a taste sensation. Salt is an essential spice in every dish. Believers are referred to as *the salt of the earth.*” Are we? Some food is 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 work of the Holy Spirit in our lives to fruit, best savored straight from the source. Meats have to be cooked. Flours have to be mixed with other ingredients. Jesus said, *“I Am the Bread of Life.”* Prepared and presented as a savory staple of existence. God’s Word is powerful and it can destroy as well as build. You wouldn’t allow a child to drive a bulldozer. We are to *“rightly divide”* the *Word of Truth.*” Careful study and use of God’s Word brings the Light of Truth to the world. Many are unskillful in its use, and 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. To a cow, a daisy is no different than grass. To a child, it is a thing of wonder. We are told, *“cast not your pearls before swine.”* Reprobates will only trample Truth underfoot. We need to be able to discern between bovine mentality and wonder. Let the Spirit guide you to those who seek. Don’t hesitate to share the Truth of your Blessed Hope with anyone. Give your words credence with your life.

“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

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"But sanctify 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