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Reading: 2 Timothy 1-4

As you read the book of Second Timothy today, observe these references to the word of God – what we are to do with it and what it does for us.

- 1) We are required to “hold fast the pattern of sound words” that Paul preached (1:13). This implies that we are to cling closely to or follow closely the message that has been delivered. Obedience is not optional.
- 2) Even though the messenger of the word of God is treated as an evildoer and placed in chains or imprisoned, the word of God is not chained (2:9). Resistance to the word might include our physical punishment and threaten to impede the progress of our teaching, but the word of God is more powerful than chains.
- 3) Diligent attention to the word of God will allow us to be approved by God (2:15). This requires work on our part, but that work will allow us to be unashamed before God. How we handle His word is important. Are you rightly dividing the word?
- 4) Learning the scriptures from childhood and obeying them gives you a good foundation in life. Timothy apparently learned them at the feet of his mother and grandmother (1:5). The scriptures make you “wise for salvation through faith which in Christ Jesus.” (3:14-15)
- 5) The scriptures are the very words of God. They are profitable to guide us and change us, as well as make us complete and equipped for every good work. (3:16-17)

What is your attitude toward God’s word?

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