

## 4 Ways That We Leave the Bible to the "Experts"

*Are you leaving your bible knowledge / careful study to the experts (pastors / teachers / leaders)? How do you know if you are? Consider these ways that many people do.*

### 1. Take *Their* Word for It

We let Bible teachers do and say what they want without checking it with Scripture

- I want you to double-check everything I preach
- You are responsible for how you handle the Bible

**Question:** How does Acts 17:11 show us a better way to respond to preaching / teaching? What does God say about the people who responded by double-checking Paul's preaching with the Scriptures?

### 2. We Accept Substitutes for Biblical Ministry

- We don't reject those who teach half-truth
- We accept those who make us feel good but never bad
- We forget that people are not supposed to get crafty with the Bible

**Question:** What standard does 2 Corinthians 4:2 set for those who minister the Word of God (those who preach, teach and articulate the doctrines of) the Word of God?

Note: "adulterate" means (corrupt or mix with impurities)

**Question:** What are some ways that preachers and teachers adulterate the Word of God in preaching? In teaching? In church life and ministry?

### 3. We Leave Bible Study and Training in the Word to Vocational Ministers

**Question:** Ephesians 6 tells us that everyone is in a spiritual battle against the schemes of the devil and the spiritual forces of evil. If everyone is in the battle, who needs to have and use the weapons for spiritual warfare?

### 4. Time in the Bible is Limited to Bible-*Lite*

- We leave the Bible to Sundays and Bible Study / D\*group / Small

Groups

- We content ourselves with a verse / chapter per day instead of
- We content ourselves with mere topical study only (without going deeper)

**Question:** What illustration do Deuteronomy 8:3 and Matt. 4:4 use for the Bible?

How does that illustration indicate dependence on the Bible in the life of every person?

*Don't study the Bible without letting the Bible study you*