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The Plight of Ancestral Bondage Is It Real Deliverance or Just a Radical Delusion?

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It is essential for believers to safeguard the Word — that is, protect and defend it to the best of their ability. And one of the vital ways in which this is accomplished is by insisting on proper interpretation. Yet in our “anything goes” Christianity, many couldn’t care less about being diligent in gaining a proper interpretation of the Word of God.

PFO director Kurt Goedelman has written:

“This lack of effort opens them to be titillated with all sorts of fanciful and far-out interpretations. It is the seedbed for the cults and aberrational teachers. ... Sadly, many Christians look to teachers who offer novel interpretations rather than sound hermeneutics. While these men and women want their followers to believe they are revealing spiritual insights that might

otherwise have been missed, they are in fact sending people down a dead-end path or a deadly

drift. It is a case of the blind leading the blind (Matthew 15:14) and followers turning a deaf ear to the truth (2 Timothy 4:4).”¹



Every believer reads and listens to Bible teachers. And Paul strongly admonishes these teachers and pastors to “rightly divide the Word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). That means that the Word is to be handled responsibly and interpreted properly. There are at least eight words for “divide” in Greek and the particular one in 2 Timothy 2:15 (*orthotomeo*) means to properly and rightly deal

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