

Words to Watch

Introduction:

- A. Words are important.
 - 1. Our chief means of communication.
 - 2. God's means of revealing Himself and His will to man (1 Cor. 2:12, 13).
- B. Words need watching.
 - 1. Our words
 - 2. Our handling of God's words (2 Tim. 2:14,15).
 - 3. Even Lord's words can be misunderstood (John 21:22,23)
- C. Words need to be understood.
 - 1. "Marvel [marble] not little children"
 - 2. "No striker"
- D. Let's look at some words that need a closer look than sometimes given:

Discussion:

I. "Perfect"

- A. Matt. 5:48 — "Be ye therefore perfect ..."
- B. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17 — "...man of God may be perfect..."
- C. Matt. 19:21 — "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell..."
- D. Phil. 3:12, 15 — Used in two senses.
- E. Heb. 5:9 — "made perfect"

II. "All (things, men)"

- A. Acts 2:44-45 — Limited to things & men in context.
- B. 2 Cor. 9:13 — Also limited.

III. "Not...but"

- A. Matt. 6:19-20 — Does forbid a savings account.
- B. John 6:27 — Does not forbid working for living.
- C. 1 Cor. 1:17 — Does not say Paul did no baptizing.
- D. 1 Pet. 3:3,4 — Does not forbid a woman's "fixing up."

IV. "Cannot"

- A. Acts 4:16, 20 — Does mean impossible, but cannot consistently.
- B. 1 Cor. 10:21 — Does not mean impossible to eat at both tables, but not consistently.
- C. 1 John. 3:9 — Does not mean impossible to sin, but not consistently.

Conclusion:

- A. To understand God's revelation, we need to understand words — meaning and usage.
- B. Otherwise, the revelation is of little value to us.