Handling the Word of God

2 Corinthians 4:1-6

“But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God,” 2 Corinthians 4:2.

You do not have to look far to see there are many in this world that choose to distort the gospel. For whatever reason they begin to misrepresent God by teaching things as truth that are not in accordance with Scripture. These false teachers use underhanded methods to push their own agendas over God’s. This is a deliberate action used to advance a personal cause.

But what about when well-meaning believers try to add a little more to the gospel message? There is never a reason for us to try to add anything to the message of Christ. It is not our job to flavor up the gospel to make it more appealing. The message is clear and we should speak it clearly. It is God’s message, not our message. When a person rejects the message they reject God, not us. This is why verse 5 says “For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord.”

God has entrusted His Word to us—fragile vessels. If you continue reading in chapter 4, you will see that he likens us to “earthens vessels.” God says that we are simply jars of clay that are very easily broken. It is important that we handle the Word of God with care knowing that it is not of ourselves but of God, and that we handle our own lives well knowing we are fragile vessels. This way the gospel is both protected and delivered well through us.

JUST A THOUGHT
How well are you handling the Word of God?

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