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2 Timothy 2:15

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correctly handle = cutting a straight path through a forest

➤ **Spiritual leaders who "have departed from the truth" (v. 16-18)**

2 Timothy 2:16-18

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departed from the truth = forward movement in the wrong direction

consequences = leads you away from God (v. 16) + infects the community (v. 17)
undermines faith in God + spreads like sepsis from a wound

➤ **God will help you sift through the noise (v. 19)**

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Numbers 16:3-5

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Numbers 16:31-33

31...the ground under them split apart 32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, and all those associated with Korah, together with their possessions. 33 They went down alive into the realm of the dead, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community.



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