

## Can We “Prove Anything” By The Bible?

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One statement that has been thoughtlessly repeated is this one: **“Oh, you can prove anything by the Bible.”** Such a statement is a reflection upon the Bible and an insult to the God Who authored it.

Are people actually trying to say this: **“By handling the Bible carefully, by sincerely seeking to understand what every passage teaches, by being impartial and fair, by gathering up all that the Bible has to say on any given subject, by respecting the context of each verse or passage, YOU CAN PROVE ANYTHING BY THE BIBLE”?** **I sincerely hope not!**

But I will freely grant that by careless use and with prejudiced minds, by ignoring contexts, by mishandling and misusing the contents of the Bible, we can convey to those who won't study for themselves the false notion that **you can prove anything by the Bible**. Only the truth on whatever subject is under consideration can really be proved by the Bible. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, *“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing (or handling aright) the word of truth.”* The word of truth can be handled wrongly and has been so treated many times over. In 2 Peter 3:15-16, the apostle Peter writes: *“And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation — as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures”* (emphasis mine, Bill Crews).

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