

TWO-EDGED SWORD

SCRIPTURE:

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Hebrews 4: 12).

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Any kind of Knife

MAIN MESSAGE:

If the Word of God is going to be useful in our lives, we actually have to spend time reading and studying.

SONG: "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

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LESSON:

There is nothing worse than a dull knife. Knives should always be handled with care, a dull knife especially so. Consider an item that needs to be cut, opened, or filleted, and the only knife you have is dull. You start to saw at the item or poke it with the sharp end of the knife with the hopes of cutting it enough to get it going. Generally speaking, I find that when using a dull knife I tend to allow knife safety go out the window.

Keeping a knife sharp requires dedication and patience. A knife that is used often requires time to carefully scrape the dulled blade across a stone at just the right angle to get the edge back on it. Failure to spend the time sharpening the knife renders it useless for the job for which it was intended.

The Word of God is described as being "sharper than any two-edged sword". Consider the Bible on the bookshelf: within the pages lies the key to man's salvation, how to live a Godly life, how to worship God, and love one another. The words found in the Bible will judge our hearts and souls on the last day. The Word of God is able to change lives and convict the sinner to repent. By rightly dividing the Word of Truth, we can know how to answer those skeptics. All these things are true only if we spend time studying His Word.

Like a dull knife, a dusty Bible is of no use if it is not studied. A tool box full of old rusty knives with no edge to them will be of little use to the one who needs something cut, and so is an office full of Bibles if the reader never opens to study. Keep a Bible handy, and build your life around the study and practice of the Word of God.

PRAYER: Keep our minds full of the Word of God, so we will know how to answer and defend.