



-- **Big Idea: Godliness requires holding high, holding firm and holding forth the Word of God.**

1.) Hold HIGH God's Word.

-- The doctrine of biblical inerrancy speaks to the character of God and it is foundational to our understanding of everything the Bible teaches.

a. The Bible itself claims to be PERFECT (Psalm 12:6, 19:7).

b. JESUS was adamant about the inspiration of Scripture.

-- The greatest testimony to the authenticity of the Bible as God's inspired and inerrant Word comes from Jesus Himself.

i. *The **WHOLE** Bible is inspired* (Matthew 4:4, [5:17-18](#)).

ii. *The Bible is **HISTORICALLY** accurate* (Matthew 19:4, 12:40-41, Luke 17:26-29).

iii. *The Bible is completely reliable* (Matthew 26:53-54).

iv. *The Bible is entirely sufficient* ([Luke 16:31](#)).

v. *The Bible is **INFALLIBLE*** (Matthew 5:18, John 10:35).

vi. *The Bible is unified* (Luke 24:27, 44-45).

vii. *The Bible is **INERRANT*** (Matthew 22:29, John 17:17).

c. Books are a reflection of their **AUTHOR**

-- Biblical inerrancy is the only view of Scripture that is consistent with the character of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, Psalm 119:160).

2.) Hold **FIRM** God's Word.

-- There are two types of people: Those who are "*blown and tossed by the wind,*" and those who hold firm to the unchanging Word of God (Matthew 7:24-27, Ephesians 4:13-15).

-- The Word of God imparted by the Spirit of God is our **ANCHOR** against the wickedness and waywardness of this world.

3.) Hold **FORTH** God's Word.

-- The voice the world needs to hear most is the voice of God speaking through His Word.

-- Sound spiritual instruction is only that which is thoroughly rooted in the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:15).

-- The best way to help someone is to put **GOD** and His **TRUTH** at the center of their situation.

Leadership Application

-- Look for men who are irrevocably anchored to God's **WORD**