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## 1. Dividing \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_! (Nehemiah 2-6, Acts 6, I Cor 12, Eph 4)

- a. S \_\_\_\_\_ together
- b. S \_\_\_\_\_ together
- c. S \_\_\_\_\_ together

## 2. Dividing to \_\_\_\_\_! (scatter,send) (Acts 8:1,4; 13:2-3; 14:17;17:1;18:1;19:1;21:1-8; 27:1-8;Jms 1:1)

## 3. Rightly dividing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Truth! (II Timothy 2:15) "orthos" – straight, properly (orthopedic, orthodox)

- a. C \_\_\_\_\_ handle
- b. C \_\_\_\_\_ handle
- c. C \_\_\_\_\_ handle
- d. C \_\_\_\_\_ handle

## 4. Division Disappearing! (at best temporary & short lived)

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## 1. Dividing up the work! (Nehemiah 2-6, Acts 6, I Cor 12, Eph 4)

- a. Sharing together
- b. Serving together
- c. Succeeding together

## 2. Dividing to multiply! (scatter,send, set apart) Acts 8:1,4; 13:2-8 14:17;17:1; 18:1; 19:1; 21:1-8; 27:1-8; James 1:1)

## 3. Rightly dividing the Word of Truth! (II Timothy 2:15) "orthos" – straight, properly (orthopedic, orthodox)

- a. Correctly handle (w/o deviation, dilution)
- b. Carefully handle (precise)
- c. Consistently handle
- d. Confidently handle

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- a. Restraint
- a. Removal
- b. Repentance
- c. Reconciliation
- d. Restoration (renewal, reviving)

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