

Sliding Off Center

Our commitment as a believer is tested by our love of God and our devotion to _____.

*Stop **listening** to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge. Proverbs 19:27 (bold added)*

Pressures that can Pull one off Center:

I _____ Power 2:13

Pergamum was filled with *many* pagan religions.
Tradition has it that Antipas was _____ to death.

I _____ Possibilities 2:14

Often the battle isn't between Good and Evil,
but between Truth and _____.

I _____ other Philosophies 2:15

When you add something else to truth,
you _____ its validity and strength.

I _____ the Priorities 2:16

It's possible that what's peripheral can take the place
of what should be _____.

I _____ Progress 2:16

The kingdom of Satan only retreats as
the Kingdom of God _____.

Purposes of the Double –Edged Sword

Truth and Divine J _____

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword,

it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12-13

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war.

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God.

Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. ... Revelation 19:11, 13, 15

Rewards for those who Repent and Overcome:

Provisions that can't be _____ on earth. *Manna*

A Pardon that can't be _____ on earth. *Stone*

A Personal _____ that no one else will know. *Name*

A Private _____ that no one else will know. *New*

Optional Readings: (13 chapters)

Story of Balaam & Balak **Numbers 22-25, & 31**
No license to sin **Romans 6, Galatians 5, Jude**
The Word is a Sword **Isaiah 49, Heb. 4, Rev. 1**
False Teachers **Colossians 2, 2 Peter 2**