



## Handle with Care by Tricia Bergey

One of the things I am thankful for is my 30-year-old bound Bible. As we are sometimes asked...if I could only take one or two things from our home, that would be one of mine. It contains many of my notes of how verses taught me, and it is helpful that I can visualize which side of my familiar Bible that a particular verse is on.

I recently heard teaching on the importance of God's word...the Bible. It is wonderful when God's words are taught accurately, but sometimes they are ignored or misrepresented, even within the Church. The teaching I heard was based on Hebrews 2:1, which says "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away." The act of listening attentively and carefully is likely to result in the desired outcome of what is being taught.

I appreciated the truth of that verse about the care of scripture, and I did some studying on my own. I found 2 Timothy 2:15. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who *correctly handles the word of truth.*" This is included in an important section of verses in 2 Timothy 2 on being a worker approved by God. From this verse, I understand that I have a responsibility with the treasure of the gospel (the good news that came through Jesus Christ).

You may have received a package with a yellow and black label stating "HANDLE WITH CARE" which warns the receiver to handle it in a certain manner. My care for my 30-year-old Bible must go beyond the manner in which I physically handle it. I must handle God's word with care in how I live it out daily in my words, my actions, and the thoughts in my mind. How do you treat a book or manual you own that has valuable information contained in it...maybe one that you can't replace?

*Lord, I pray for my sisters in Christ who have a Bible, that they will choose to feed on its words and care for it as the greatest "manual" ever to be written. May we be certain You have given us words to live by. For anyone who has not yet made the decision to ask You to be their Savior and Lord, evoke curiosity that leads to a lifetime of being guided by Your words. Thank You, our heavenly Father. Blessed be Your Name!*

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# Making Connections

Meet **Deb Derstein**.

My name is Deb Derstein. My husband, Randy, and I recently celebrated 47 years of marriage this past July. We are blessed with four children—Benjamin (Telford), Jody (Lancaster area), and Teri and Kristi (Arizona). We have five wonderful grandchildren, one grandson and four granddaughters.

Family time is my greatest joy. I love our family dinners, playing with the grandchildren, and joining in the lively conversations around the table. Outside of family, I enjoy reading, cooking, baking, and cheering for the Phillies and Eagles.

I was born and raised in a Catholic-Christian home in the Souderton area and have lived in Telford, in the same house since marrying Randy.

I've experienced both blessings and heartache. My father passed away in 1973 when I was 15, and my mother in 2014. I was deeply thankful to share her final seven years in our home, enjoying countless mother-daughter days filled with conversation, laughter, and love. My sister Sue is my closest friend and confidant; we share a strong bond and a steadfast Christian faith.

Like many couples, Randy and I have faced life's ups and downs, always trusting in God's faithfulness. Through prayer—both in need and in gratitude—we've learned to rely on the Holy Spirit. I spent most of my life as a stay-at-home mom, later working part-time cleaning homes and, since 2010, in food service at Christopher Dock. Randy has driven trucks throughout his career and currently works for Hatfield. We look forward to retiring together soon.

My favorite Bible verse is Romans 15:13:

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*





Get Involved!

**LADIES, keep November 14<sup>th</sup> open for...**

**Game  
Night**

**More details  
will follow**



**O Lord my God, I will  
give You thanks  
forever.**

**Psalm 30:12**

*Other Upcoming Activities*

**Sewing Circle**

Tuesday, Nov. 11

8 AM – 4 PM

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 PM



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