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## Be Mindful of the Words by [John T Polk II](#) For [The Fellowship Room](#)

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Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior ([2 Peter 3:1-2](#)).

Americans seem predisposed to be suspicious and always looking for "hidden meanings." The plethora of Crime Scene Investigative TV shows, hidden psychological explanations of behaviors, and movies like "The Da Vinci Code," and political platitudes have so fostered a climate of doubt, disgust, and distrust, that many, if not, most Americans rarely accept anything "at face value." But this honesty with truth is exactly what Peter is calling for: "be mindful of the words" of the holy prophets and apostles of the Lord. Many today approach the Bible with their same daily doubt so that they look off the pages, between the lines, or beneath the words for some "code," and are bereft of the faith that comes from reading and accepting the word of God "at face value." The Devil has disciples by causing people to look for God's Truth everywhere else but at the words, themselves.

Our task as Christians and Teachers is to convince everyone of the absolute truth of the Word of God "as it is in truth" ([1 Thessalonians 2:13](#)). To do that, we must: "let your "Yes," be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you fall into judgment" ([James 5:12](#)). Let's keep all eyes clearly focused upon "the words" of the Scriptures that God has given to all.

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