



**“Mythbusters III”**  
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**Colossians 4:4, 6 (NLT)**

*Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. 6 Let your conversation be gracious and effective so that you will have the right answer for everyone.*

**\* A Challenging Assignment = “The right answer for everyone.”**

**Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)**

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

**Myth: “The Bible Is Not To Be Taken Literally.”**

**Genesis 3: 1, 3-4 (NLT)**

*Now the serpent was the shrewdest of all the creatures the LORD God had made. “Really?” he asked the woman. “Did God really say you must not eat any of the fruit in the garden?” 3 “It’s only the fruit from the tree at the center of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God says we must not eat it or even touch it, or we will die.” 4 “You won’t die!” the serpent hissed.*

**Matthew 5:17-18 (NLT)**

*“Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them. 18 I assure you, until heaven and earth disappear, even the smallest detail of God’s law will remain until its purpose is achieved.*

**Matthew 24:35 (NLT)**

*Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will remain forever.*

**II Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)**

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. 17 It is God’s way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.*

**Bold Statements — Important Reminders**

**1. For all committed Christians:**

- When the Bible states “Unless you \_\_\_\_\_ others, you will not be \_\_\_\_\_.” = Take it literally. (Mt. 6:15, Ephesians 4:32)
- When the Bible states “As my \_\_\_\_\_, go into all the world with my love.” = Take it literally. (Mark 16:15, John 20:21)
- When the Bible states “If you are not committed to Biblical \_\_\_\_\_, tithes and offerings, you are robbing from God.” = Take it literally. (Malachi 3:8-10, Luke 11:42)
- When the Bible states “God has an \_\_\_\_\_ plan for your life.” = Take it literally. (Jeremiah 29:11, Revelation 3:20)

**2. For Everyone . . . All People:**

- When the Bible states “Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven.” = Take it literally. (John 14:6)
- When the Bible states “God’s truth will never \_\_\_\_\_.” = Take it literally. (Matthew 24:35)
- When the Bible states “There are \_\_\_\_\_ locations called Heaven and Hell.” = Take it literally. (Psalms 11:4, Luke 16:22-28)
- When the Bible states “God’s heart is for everyone to experience \_\_\_\_\_.” = Take it literally. (John 3:16-17, II Peter 3:9)

**John 8:31-32, 36 (NLT)**

*Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will indeed be free.*

**Personal Action Steps**

- This myth is sometimes a challenge for Christians to answer. What issues/ideas are most difficult?
- How can I communicate the Bible as absolute truth without diminishing its message of love and salvation?
- God has been patient with me – who do I need to be patient with?