

What can we learn from 2 John?

There are several small books in the bible that God placed there for our learning and our admonition. Even this small New Testament book of encouragement has great lessons for us today.

1. What issue was John addressing as recorded in the book of 2 John?

2 John **1:2**

2 John **1:6**

2 John **1:7**

John is interested in encouraging knowing truth, abiding by truth, and being aware of deceivers or distributors of lies presented as though truth.

2. What did John say should be done?

2 John **1:4-5**

2 John **1:8-9**

2 John **1:10-11**

John encourages people to live according to the truth found in God's word. It is important to never deviate from the truth that we have received from the commandments of God. Finally, the believer needs to reject the teachings of those who bring another doctrine, or another teaching other than the one that God already brought to us.

3. What does the Christian need to be careful of regarding the book of 2 John?

Ephesians **4:10-15**

James **1:5-8**

Matthew **16:6-12**

2 Timothy **3:1-7**

The Christian needs to be careful about accepting as true the teachings of other professing Christians. There are many professing Christians and pastors who teach lies and deceit. The deceit from various groups not only contradict the scriptures but also one another. With all of the deceitful teachings out there, the Christian needs to be diligent to know what is true and false.

4. What should the Christian do instead?

1 John **4:1-3**

Proverbs **3:5-6**

John **17:17**

2 Timothy **2:15-16**

Acts **17:11**

Christians need to be careful about what they believe with regard to the teachings of others. A teacher or preacher may claim to speak for God but they may be lying. As Christians we need to be sufficiently familiar with the truth of God's word that when another person teaches that we are ready to listen, and validate with the scriptures. We may need to investigate not only the words that were spoken but also the ramifications of such a message. We need to evaluate whether the teacher is actually proclaiming a different gospel that sounds close to the truth or if the message sounds encouraging but is actually heretical with regards to the power, authority, and promises of God and Christ.