

# STICK TO IT!

## SCRIPTURE:

*Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to exceed what is written, in order that no one of you might become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. (1 Corinthians 4:6)*

## MATERIALS LIST:

(1) roll of duct tape

## MAIN MESSAGE:

The Bible is truth. It is God breathed, inspired, and written for a particular purpose. It is not to be added to or taken away from. We must become good Bible students so that we do not take Scripture out of context and be guilty of going beyond what is written.

## SONG: "Ancient Words"

## LESSON:

You can walk into any garage in this country, and you are likely to find a big gray sticky roll of tape known as duct tape. Duct tape did not become popular until after World War II. It was used to connect heat and air duct work together in new homes that were being built.

Duct tape is still used for heat and air ducts, but over time it has become used in many different ways. It can be used to patch a worn out pair of jeans. It can be used in place of a band aid. It is even used on commercial air planes! Want a leopard print duct tape wallet? You're in luck because they exist!

You can tell that duct tape has many uses, but most of the uses now are not what it was originally invented for. Instead of sticking to the main use for duct tape, people have changed it to be what they want it to be and what they want to use it for.

All too often, people tend to do the same thing with the word of God. We need to understand that everything in the Bible is perfect and complete and that it all needs to be taken with its true meaning and used in the true context. We cannot simply use a verse out of the Bible to fit what we want it to fit. We can do this with duct tape but we absolutely cannot do this with God's Word. The Bible is very clear on this. In 1 Corinthians 4:6, Paul is instructing them to not go beyond what is written. Paul wanted them to understand context and true meaning, nothing more and nothing less. Christians, we are so blessed to have full access to a Bible pretty much anywhere we choose. Let us use it correctly for God's glory and not for our own.

**PRAYER:** Help us to gain knowledge and understanding as we study the Bible.