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Subject: Scriptures Taken Out of Context

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II Peter 3:16 tells us that some wrest scripture (or take out of context; twist) to their own destruction. I know there are quite few that comes to mind to anyone who has been following after The Lord for many years and been involved in different groups of believers or 'denominations'. Some lay hold to certain scripture and ignore or place very little emphasis on others. I've witnessed this several times through the years, and i'd imagine you have too.

I John 3:9 is one I've seen and discussed before, there are people who believe they are sinless and cannot sin based on their take on this scripture. Never needing to confess or repent after their salvation experience. I don't agree with this and don't think that's the correct understanding of what John was saying.

Another verse that had a huge impact on my life was Romans 13:8A "Owe no man any thing..." Taken literally and without context, it was hammered into the members of our assembly as a law. Now in principle this is a very good way to manage finances and do life; Proverbs tells us it's wise and prudent to follow this advice. And I wholeheartedly agreed, I obeyed from my heart and sold property to 'get out of debt' and paid off all credit cards, ect. in 1982 and haven't been 'in the red' since.

But even though I've been debt free for the last 35 plus years (btw: if anyone reading this happens to be in debt, this isn't in any way a condemnation of your situation), I don't believe that is at all what Paul was writing to the church at Rome about. The context shows an entirely different teaching. It's about loving others and when we're obedient we will be fulfilling God's law...one won't steal from, kill, commit adultery, or lie to or about another person if we love them.

Any thoughts on this verse from Romans or another scripture you've seen taken out of context?

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