
STUDY (BE DILIGENT)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

(KJV)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

(NASB)

2 Timothy 2:15

CONTEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-18

Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR TIMOTHY

Timothy knew the Scriptures. He had been taught them from childhood. Now, without Paul by his side, he was to give due diligence to teach the Word, avoiding wrangling and “worldly and empty chatter.” He was to be diligent in defending the Word. And he was to be diligent in his daily conduct so as to be approved by God.

THE MESSAGE FOR US: BE DILIGENT Know the Scriptures – Live by the Word Share the Good News

Knowing the Word is no substitute for living by the Word. The message to all Christians today is to give due diligence in being a disciple of the Lord. As faith without works is dead, Bible knowledge without application is worthless. Being able to quote Scripture is good, but applying it to your life is the goal of such knowledge.

Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

James 4:17

FOOTNOTE: diligent (study): **spoudazo**: persevering, painstaking effort; to hasten to do a thing, to exert oneself.