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All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for
 ...contend earnestly for the faith which was once
 for all delivered to the saints

God has REVEALED Himself & His will -
Deut 29:29; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Jude 3

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Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

God's Word is the truth & it means what
 it means – **Jn. 6:63; 16:13; 17:17**

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If I believe something that is different than
 what God has revealed in His Word, I am
 wrong. – **Rom. 3:4**

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- ▶ The word of truth can be UNDERSTOOD – **Eph. 3:3-5**
- ▶ It CAN BE MISUNDERSTOOD - **2 Pet 3:16-18**
- ▶ The word of truth must be "handled correctly" - **2 Tim 2:15**

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- 4. Thinking that we can't – (For clergy only; have to have direct Holy Spirit help) - **Eph. 3:3-5**
- 5. Preconceived ideas – (To hold to and defend what we already believe) – **Matt. 15:7-9**

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NEED FOR DILIGENCE

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But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- ▶ Diligently seeking God – **Heb. 11:6**
- ▶ Commanded to diligently keep God's precepts – **Ps. 119:4**
- ▶ Giving ALL DILIGENCE to grow & make our calling & election sure - **2 Pet 1:3-10**

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AIMING FOR GOD'S APPROVAL

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- ▶ Knowledge of God's words essential - **Rom 12:2**
- ▶ Believing God's words essential
- ▶ Doing God's will essential – **Heb. 11**

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BEING A WORKER FOR GOD

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- ▶ We know we are NOT justified by works - **Rom. 3:21,27; 4:1-6**
- ▶ But we MUST work or our FAITH will NOT save us – **Jas. 2:14-26**
- ▶ MUST work out our own salvation w/ fear – **Phil. 2:12**

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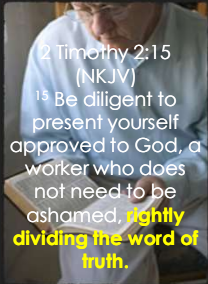
WE CAN KNOW OUR WORK IS ACCEPTED

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- ▶ We KNOW we are pleasing to God when we, by faith, do what He says! - **Gen. 6; 12; 17**
- ▶ We KNOW God is displeased when we do NOT do what He says - **Lev. 10:1-4**
- ▶ God has told us what He wants - **2 Tim. 3:16-17**

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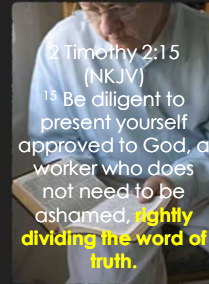


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- ▶ Examine context – **Psalm 119:160**
- ▶ Recognizing the type of language used – (Literal / figurative)
 - Recognizing the different ways terms are used – (spirit; soul; one; baptism)

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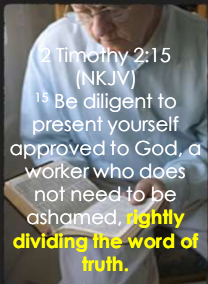


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- ▶ Examine context – **Psalm 119:160**
 - Who is speaking?
 - Who is being spoken to?
 - What is the main point?
 - Understanding terms?
 - How terms are used in a particular passage?

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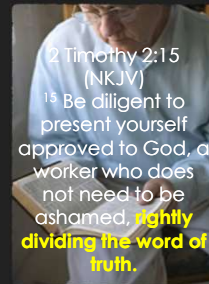


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- ▶ Knowledge of historical circumstances and customs
- ▶ Recognizing that the Bible doesn't deal with everything specifically
- ▶ However, the Bible does establish every principle needed to discern what is right and wrong – **1 Tim. 3:16,17; Heb. 5:12-14; 2 Pet 3:16**

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- ▶ What must I do to be saved?
- ▶ What things are sinful?
- ▶ How do I worship God?
- ▶ How should the church be organized?
- ▶ What kind of things should a church be engaged in?

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Hear	John 12:48
Believe	John 8:24
Repent	Luke 13:3
Confess	Matt. 10:32-33
Baptized	Mark 16:16
Faithful	Matt. 24:13

