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God has REVEALED Himself & His will -  
Deut 29:29; 2 Tim 3:16,17; Heb 1:1,2;  
1 Cor. 2:13,14; Jude 3

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God's word is the truth & it means what  
it means - John 6:63; 16:13; 17:17;

Prov 19:7-11; Is 55:8,9;



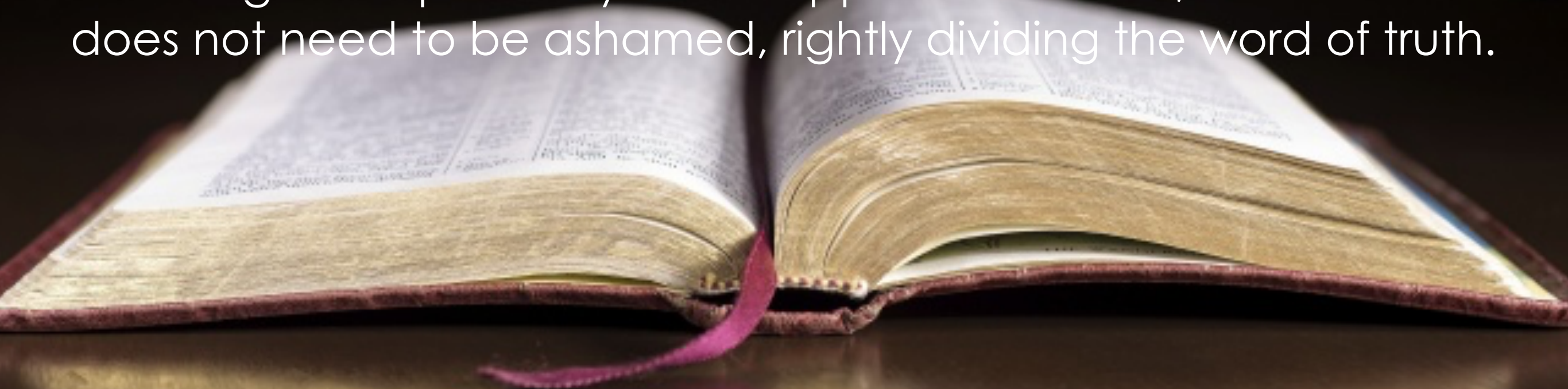
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If I believe something that is different  
than what God has revealed in His word  
- I am wrong? - Rom 3:4; Heb. 6:18

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- ▶ The word of truth can be UNDERSTOOD - Eph 3:3-5
  - ▶ *It CAN BE MISUNDERSTOOD - 2 Pet 3:16-18; Eph 5:17; Gal 1:6-9; 2 Thes 2:10-12*
- ▶ The word of truth must be “handled correctly” - 2 Tim 2:15; Heb 5:12-14
  - ▶ *It Can be Mishandled - 2 Tim 2:16-18; Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Pet 3:16*

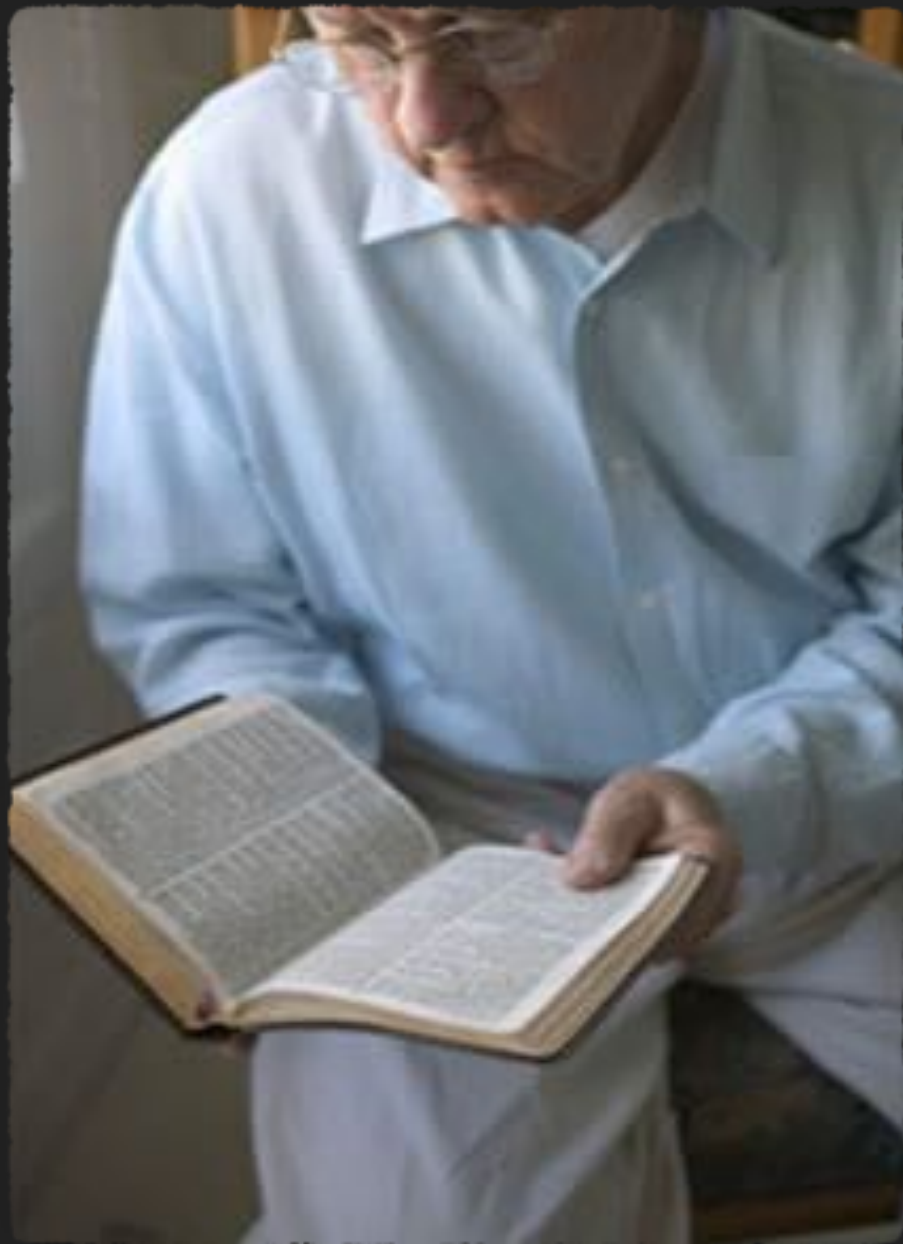


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# SOME THINGS THAT HINDER



- ▶ A love for the world -  
1 Jn 2:15-17; Prov. 23:23
- ▶ A love for unrighteousness  
- 2 Thes 2:9-12; Ps  
119:97-104
- ▶ Pride - a lack of respect for  
God & His word - Isa. 66:2;  
Prov. 1:7; James 4:6-10

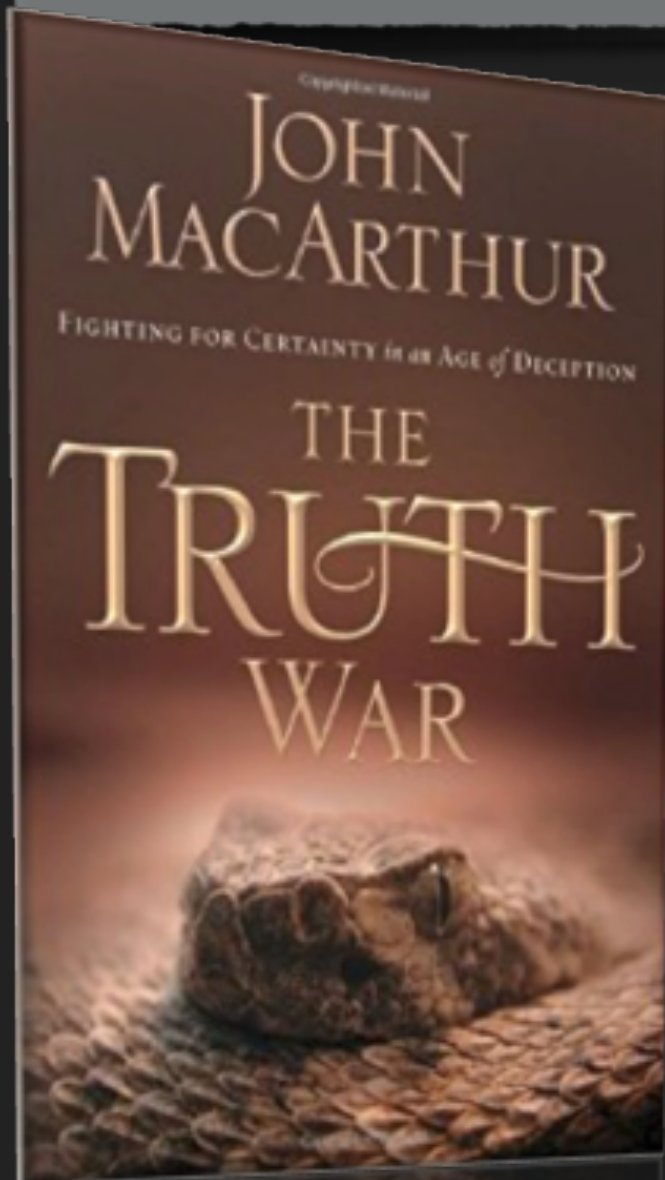


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“That the Bible puts a very high premium on truth is indisputable. But sadly, the church today has largely downplayed and abandoned truth, content to follow the spirit of the age. That spirit is comprised of postmodernism, relativism, emotionalism and subjectivism. Truth cannot flourish in such poisoned soil.”

Truth Watch — by Bill Muehlenberg  
*(Review of “THE TRUTH WAR” by John MacArthur)*



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- ▶ Thinking that we can't – (For clergy only; mysticism; have to have direct Holy Spirit help) - Eph. 3:3-5; 5:17
- ▶ Preconceived ideas – (To hold to & defend what we already believe) - Mat 15:7-9; Rom 10:1-3; Prov. 14:12

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## NEED FOR DILIGENCE

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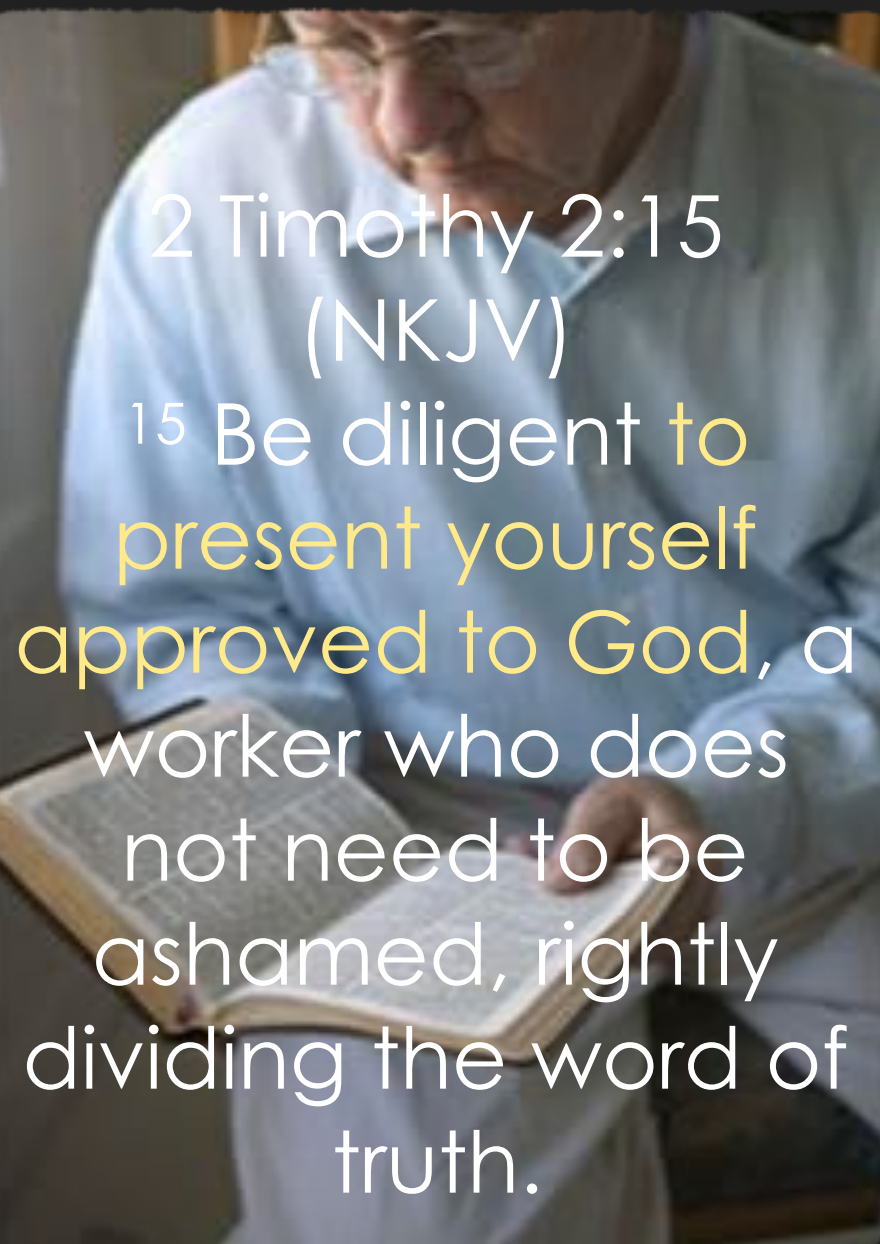
- ▶ Diligently seeking God - Heb 11:6; Prov. 8:17
- ▶ Commanded to diligently keep God's precepts - Psalm 119:4
- ▶ Giving **ALL DILIGENCE** to grow & make our calling & election sure - 2 Pet 1:3-10; Heb 6:11; Phili 2:12; 2 Pet 3:14



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## AIMING FOR GOD’S APPROVAL



- ▶ Knowledge of God’s words essential - Psalm 25:1-5; Col. 1:9,10; Rom 12:2; 2 Pet 3:18
- ▶ Believing God’s words essential - Heb. 11:6 ...; Rom. 4:17-24; 10:13-17; Eph. 2:8,9; etc.
- ▶ Doing God’s will essential - Jam. 1:21-25; 2:14-26; Luke 6:46; Mat 7:21-23; Heb. 5:8,9; etc.

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## BEING A WORKER FOR GOD

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- ▶ We know we are NOT justified by the works of the Law of Moses! Our work for God IN NO WAY merits salvation - Rom. 3:21.27; 4:1-6; 11:6; Gal. 3:10; Eph. 2:8,9
- ▶ But we MUST work or our FAITH will NOT save us - James 2:14-26
- ▶ MUST work out our own salvation w/ fear - Phili 2:12; Tit 2:14



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- ▶ We KNOW we are pleasing to God when we, by faith, do what He says! - Gen. 6; 12; 17; 22; Rom. 4:19-22; Heb. 11; 2 Tim. 3:17; etc.
- ▶ We KNOW God is displeased when we do NOT do what He says - Gen. 4; 19; Lev. 10:1-4; 1 Sam. 13; 15; Jere. 6:16-23; Mat. 7:23
- ▶ God has told us what He wants - 2 Tim. 3:16,17; 2 Pet. 1:3

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- ▶ Right attitude – Respect / Humility (Isa. 66:2; Prov. 1:7)
- ▶ Love for truth – (2 Thes 2:10-12; Psalm 119:97-104)
- ▶ Honesty – (Luke 8:15; Acts 17:11,12)
- ▶ Wisdom – (Eph 5:17)



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- ▶ Trust – (2 Tim. 3:16,17; John 17:17; Rom 10:17)
- ▶ Hunger – (Mat 5:6; 1 Pet 2:2; Ps 119:97-104; Prov 2:1-7)
- ▶ Expectation – (Eph 3:3-5)
- ▶ A desire to obey it – (Jn 3:21; 7:17; 8:31,32; Jam 1:21)

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- ▶ Examine context – (Psalm 119:160; Prov. 30:5; 2 Tim. 3:16; John 3:16; 6:44,45; 1 Cor. 1:17; Rom. 9)
- Recognizing the type of language used – (Literal / figurative? Apocalyptic?) – Gen. 1,2; Rev 1:1
- Recognizing the different ways terms are used – (spirit; soul; one; baptism) – Gen. 1:20,30; Num. 31:28; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 8:16



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- Who is speaking? - Gen 3:4,5
- Who is being spoken to? - Jn 14-16
- What is the main point? - Rom. 4,9
- Understanding terms? - Ep 2:8,9
- How terms are used in a particular passage? - Mat 3:11 / Acts 2:38

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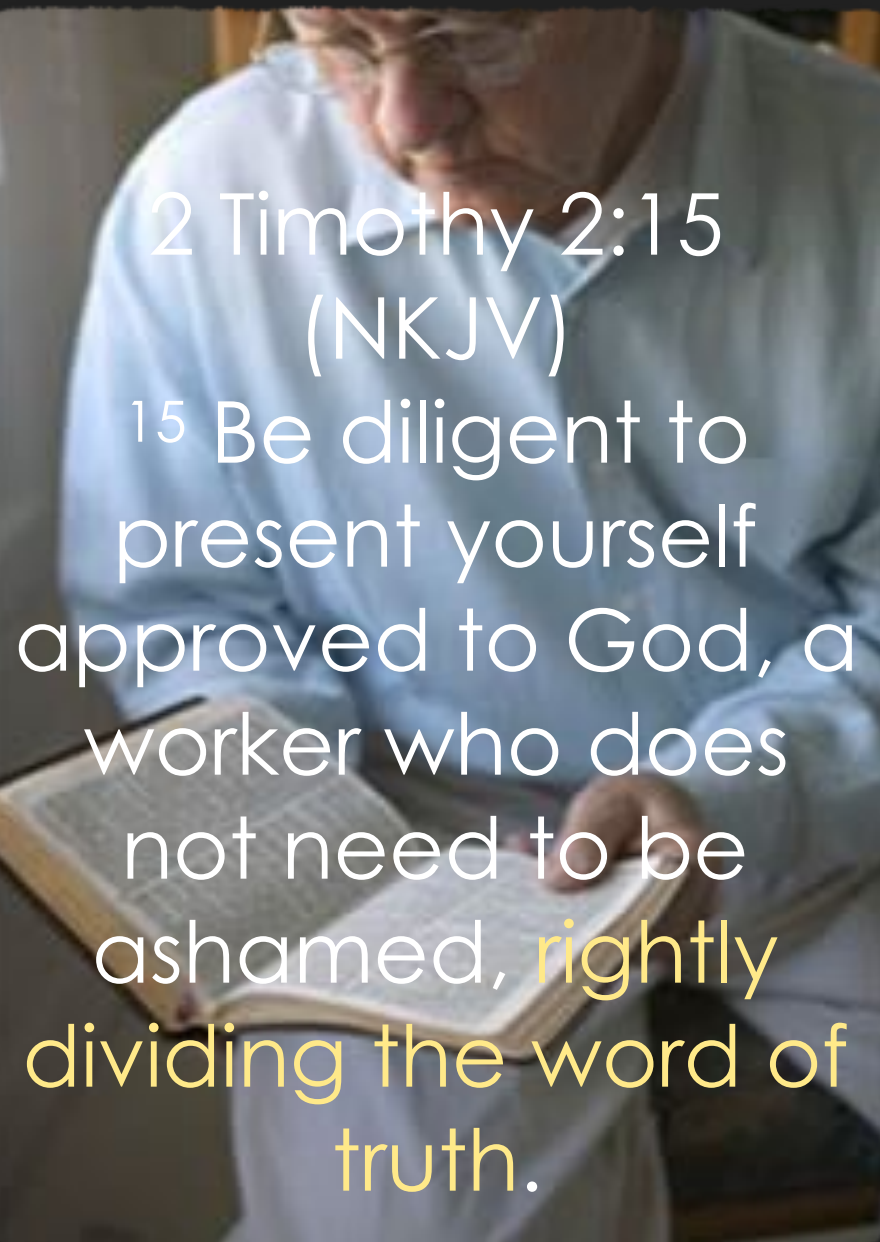
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- ▶ Knowledge of historical circumstances and customs – (John 13:14; 1 Thes 5:26)
- ▶ Recognizing that the Bible doesn’t deal with everything specifically –
- ▶ However, the scriptures provide the principles where every important question can be answered – (1 Tim. 3:16,17; Heb. 5:12-14; 2 Pet 3:16)

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- ▶ Truth harmonizes with truth.
- ▶ Each & every statement in scripture is true, but is not the whole truth.
- ▶ Must consider everything that the scripture says about a subject .
- ▶ When teaching what the Bible teaches, it is not “just a matter of opinion or interpretation.” It is the TRUTH - (1 Pt 4:11; Mat 22:31,32).



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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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Acts 17:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.









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# Psalm 119:97–104 (NKJV)

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. <sup>98</sup> You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. <sup>100</sup> I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.



# Psalm 119:97–104 (NKJV)

<sup>101</sup> I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. <sup>102</sup>

I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. <sup>103</sup> How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup> Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.