



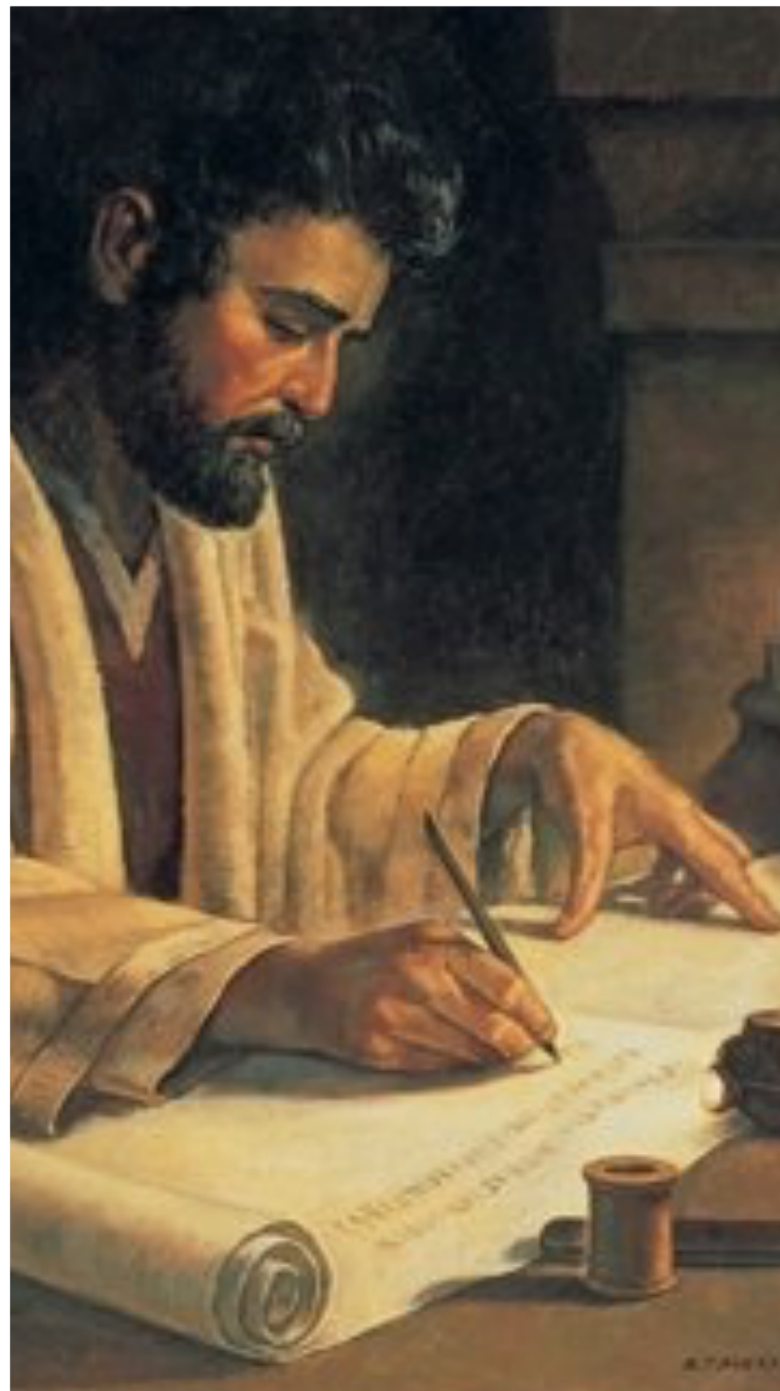
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- “Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things”
- **Therefore** — seeing these things will happen (10-13)
- **Looking forward** — let the future certainty of “the day of the Lord” motivate us to be ready (Acts 17:30; Rom. 2:5-11; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Jno. 3:3.)

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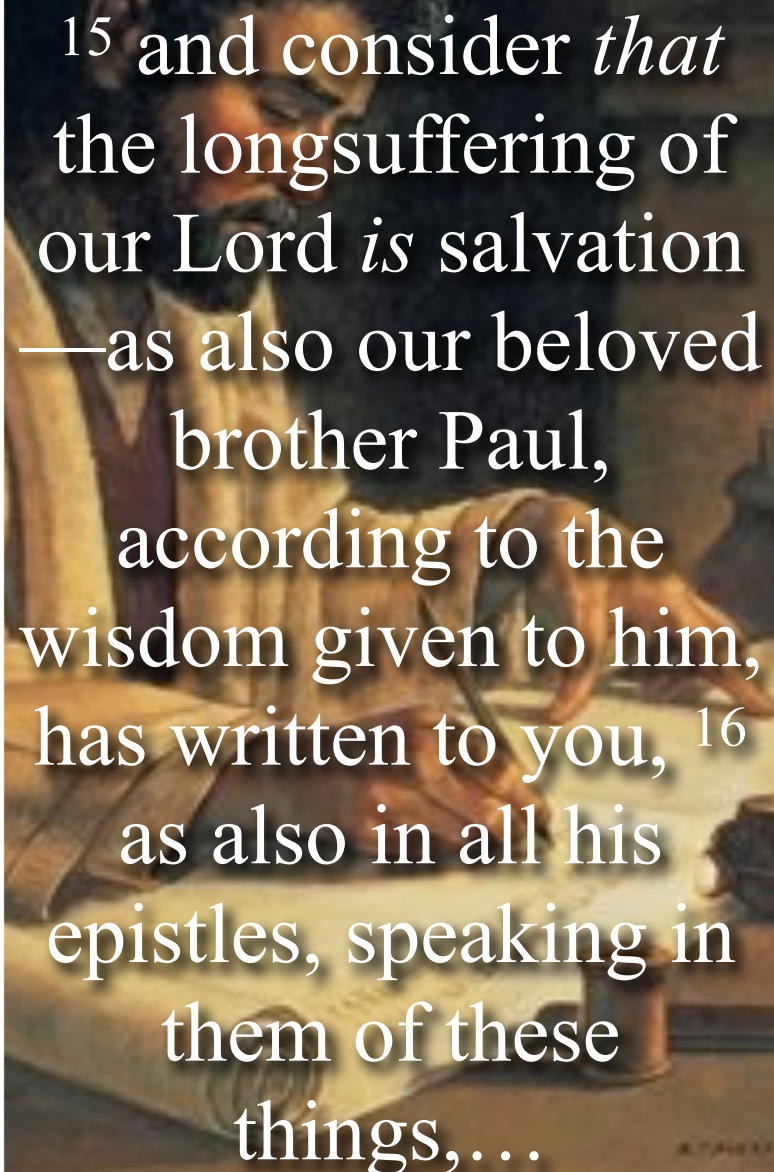


- “be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;”
- “**be diligent**” — twice before - cf. 2 Peter 1:5,10 — means "earnestness, zeal, or with haste" (1 Cor. 15:58)
- “**to be found by Him in peace**” — when the Lord comes we had better be right with God! (Mat. 24:46)
- “**without spot & blameless**” — Faithful, unspotted from the world. The result of diligence (1:5-10; 1 Th. 3:13; 5:23; 1 Tim. 6:14; Ja 1:27; 1 Jn 1:7; Eph. 5:25-27)

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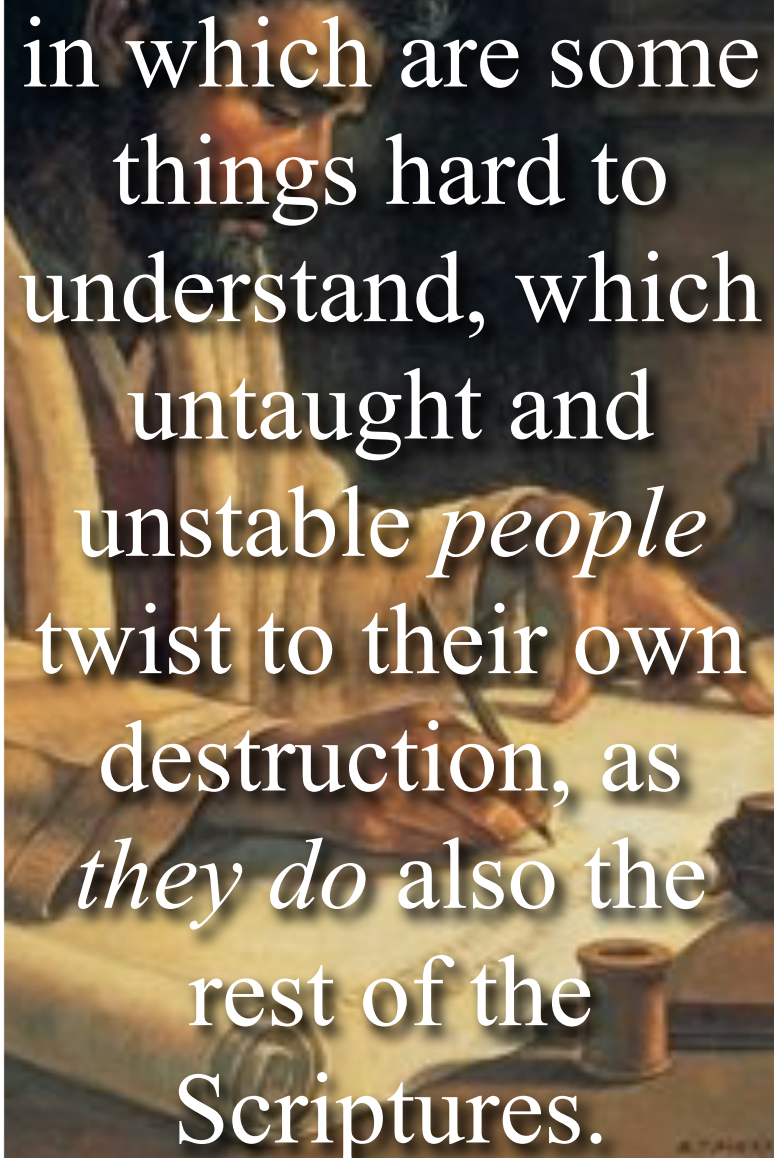
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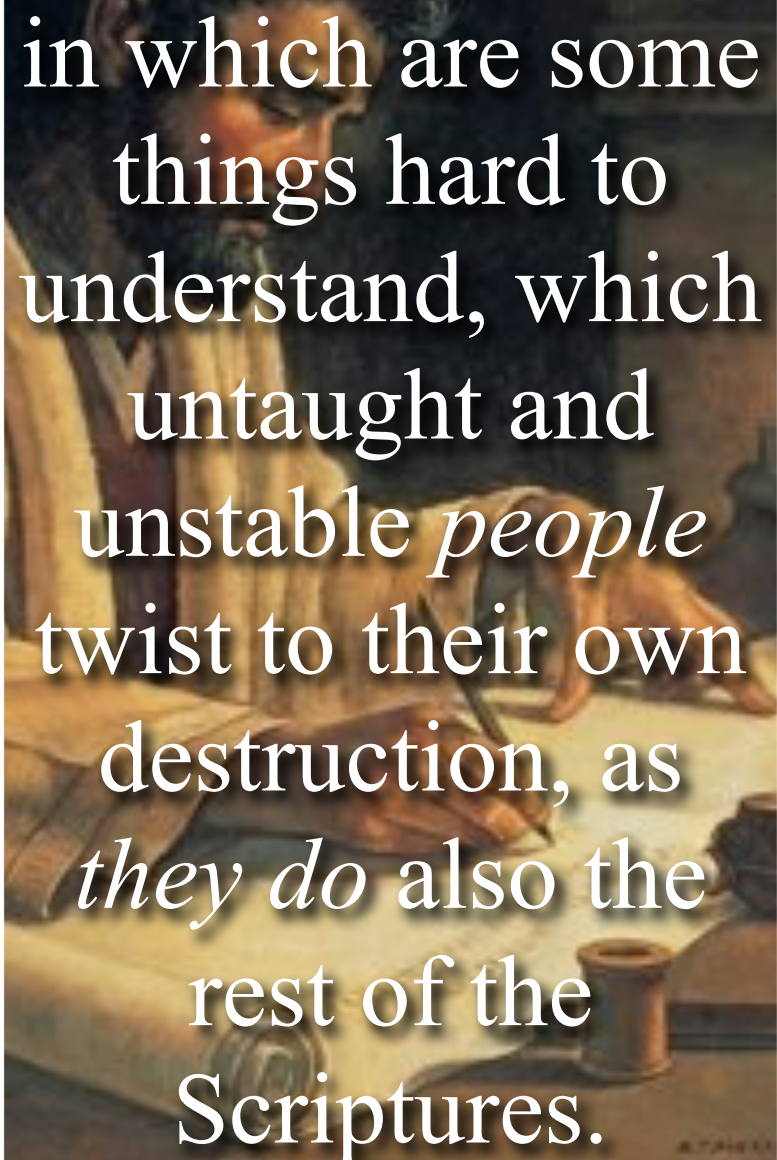
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- Paul’s writings were not easy for some to understand (Eph. 3:1-10)
- Paul’s writings are “scripture” (Acts 26:16; 1 Cor. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; etc.)

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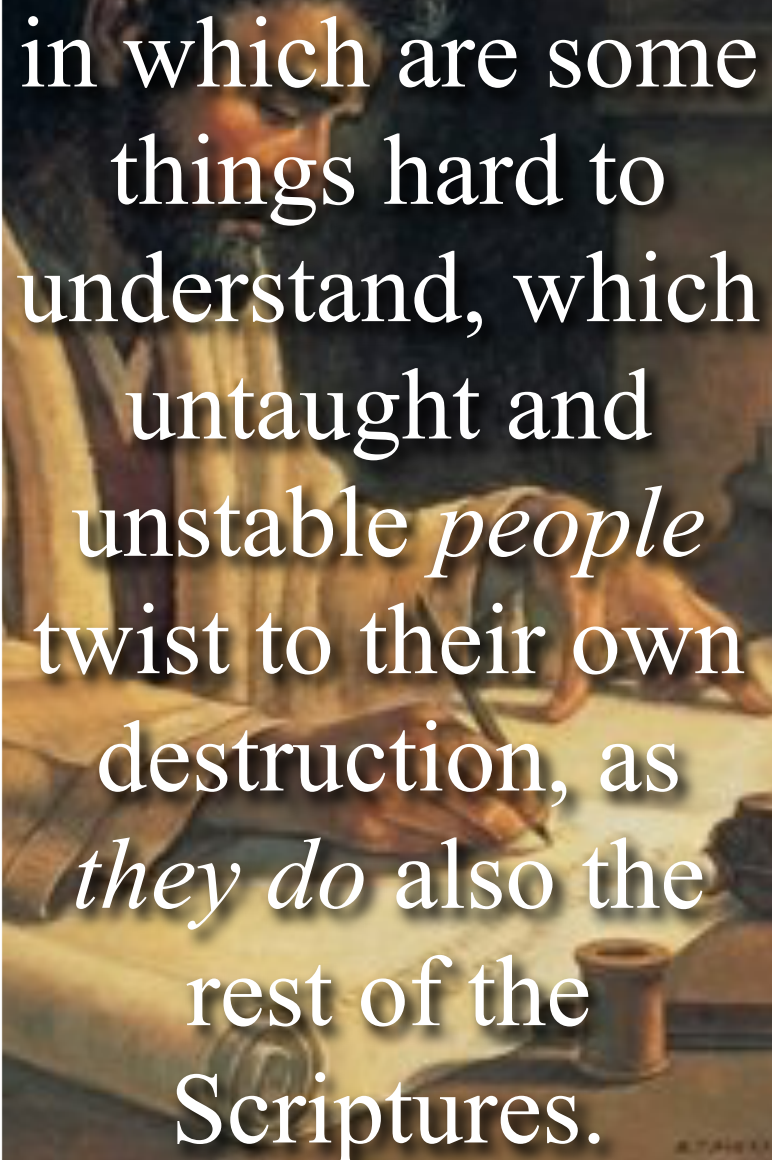
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- “which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction”
- The writings of Paul were / are “twisted” by others to teach error (Acts 21:21,28; Rom. 3:7,8; 6:1,15; 7:7)
- The “untaught” lack knowledge, yet they believe they are ready to “do battle.” “A little” knowledge can be dangerous. (Jude 10)
- “Unstable” are those not grounded and are thus easily persuaded to accept error and evil (cf. 2:14; Eph. 4:14; 2 Tim. 2:14-18)

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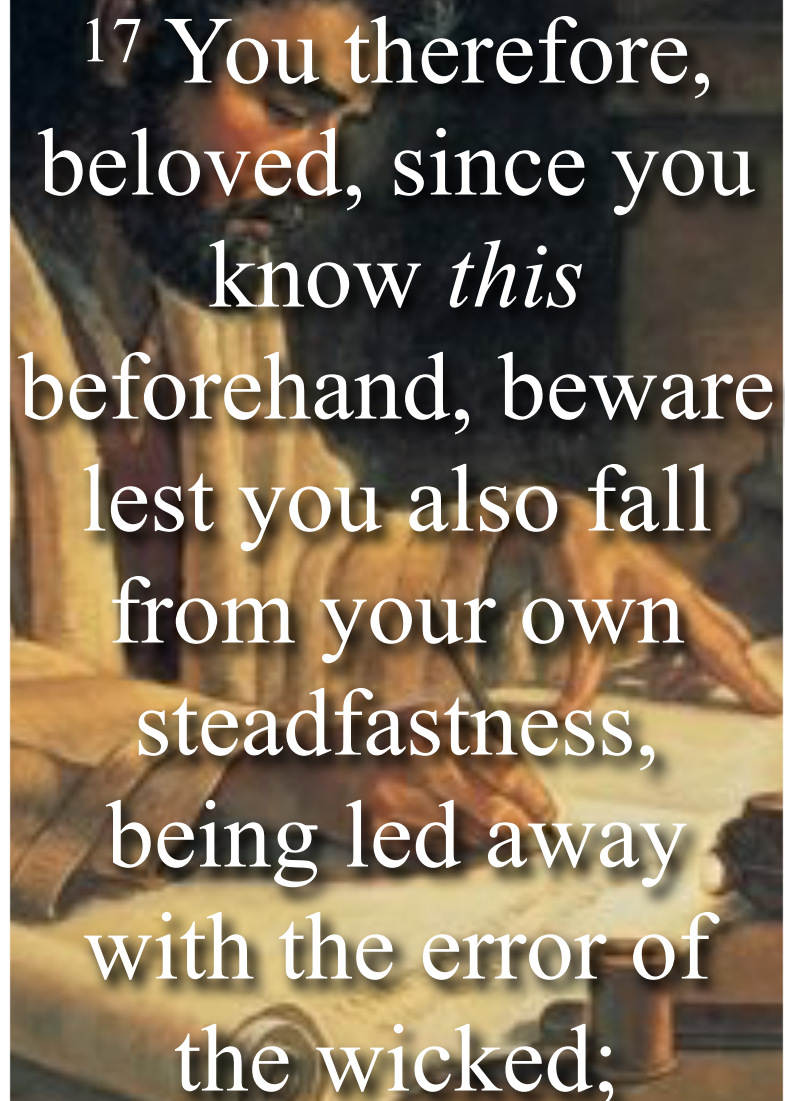
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- The false doctrine of salvation by faith alone is often attributed to Paul due to a misunderstanding of passages such as Romans 4; Ephesians 2:1-10; Titus 3:5 etc.
- False teachers misuse his teaching regarding the security of the faithful to mean O.S.A.S (Rom. 8:28-39)
- A misunderstanding of Romans 9 has led some to teach the false doctrine of “Unconditional Election”

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- “beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness”
- If we know the truth and hold tightly to it we will not be led astray (3:17; Eph. 4:12-15; Rom. 8)
- The danger is real - not imaginary (1:8-10; 2:20-22; Rom. 11:20,21; 14:15,20; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Gal. 5:1-4)
- Therefore - do not allow the schemes and tactics of false teachers lead you away from the truth as taught in the scriptures (Rom. 3:4; Aacts 17:11,12)

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- “but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (18)
- We can avoid being deceived and falling away from the Lord by giving all diligence to grow (1:5-10)
- Growing in grace is accomplished through strengthening and exercising our faith (1:3, 5-10; Eph. 2:5-10; 1 Cor. 15:58; Col. 1:19-23)
- Growing in knowledge (or understanding) will enable us to recognize error and truth (Co 1:9,10)

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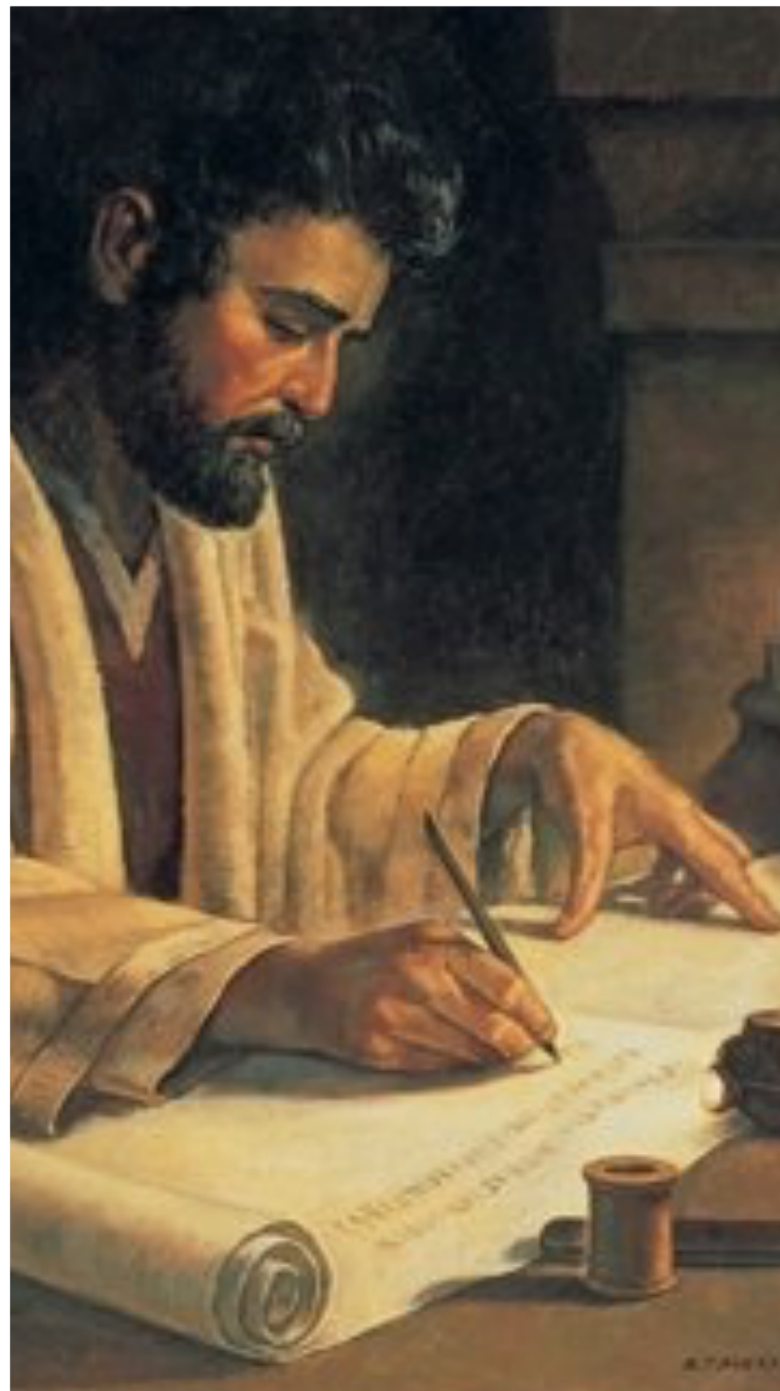
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2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV)

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

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¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.