

## "Studying & Dividing the Word of Truth"

Something that we all need to do in our daily Christian life is to, pray and to study God's Word.

That by feeding therein, we may grow stronger in the Vine of Christ,"[ . . . ] and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh [us] a reason of the hope that is [within us] with meekness and fear:"  
1 Peter 3:15b (KJV)

We will look over 2 Timothy 2:15 from each of these versions, not for comparison but for gathering a fuller meaning of the verse. Then we will look at different words in turn from these verses.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.  
2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God,  
a worker who does not need to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.  
2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,  
a workman who does not need to be ashamed  
and who correctly handles the word of truth.  
2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

**"Thayer's Greek Definitions" defines Study here as.**

**σπουδάζω**  
spoudazoô

- 1) to hasten, make haste
- 2) to exert one's self, endeavour, give diligence

### **Diligent/Best/Study**

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines diligent as:  
characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort: PAINSTAKING

-The first characteristic is steady, we are to present/shew ourselves in steady study before God.

-The next characteristic is earnest. Here is part of a verse, that Jesus gave, of our hunger.  
"[ . . . ] That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Luke 4:4b (KJV) As we look earnestly to a meal after a hard day of work, or as we look earnestly to breakfast this morning. We are to earnestly dive into the Word of God.

-The third characteristic of diligent is energetic effort.

Sometimes we cannot always be energetic but if we make that effort to set aside other things so that we may grow in God's Word. We will gain a growing energy through a joy in the study of God's Word. For when we study God's Word, our eyes become open to different pieces that God lays before us, and our soul will long and hunger for more.

-The overall word for diligent they had was Painstaking.

Painstaking is an interesting word, one should go to great pains if need be, to study, and divide God's Word. For we know that even today that in some parts of the world people live in fear as they read God's Word. We should count it a joy to give up our desires and our wants to make time for the study of God's Word, knowing that others have suffered and sacrificed at the cost of God's Word being made available to us. I know all too well that I don't give up my desires and my wants nearly enough.

### **Present/Shew**

Notice in 2 Tim. 2:15 it says to "[ . . . ] Present yourself approved, but to whom. We are to present ourselves approved before God. Notice that the Study and diligence in God's Word and the dividing of God's Word is not for man's approval but for God's.

### **Workman/Worker**

This gives me the sense that this will not be easy, but something that is to be worked at. Each one of us could give several definitions of the word work. Such as tiring, grueling, painful, but usually we also receive wages for our work. However here I believe we are given gifts, not wages for we are undeserving of wages. These gifts can come in the form of revealed pieces of God's Word, growing closer to God, our fellow man, and more.

### **Ashamed**

As so many men of old have been unashamed of God's Word going even unto persecution. Not ashamed for their Savior, Paul came boldly before Caesar, before his country men the Jews, even before those previous comrades, the Pharisees. Paul was unashamed to divide God's Word before each of these.

### **Rightly Dividing/Correctly Handles**

**In Thayer's Greek Definitions it defines Dividing in this verse as.**

**“*ὀρθοτομέω*”**

**orthotomeo**

1) to cut straight, to cut straight ways

1a) to proceed on straight paths, hold a straight course, equiv. to doing right

2) to make straight and smooth, to handle aright, to teach the truth directly and correctly

We need to be ready to Study God's Word and to bring His Word of Truth directly and correctly through the Holy Spirit as God gives us the opportunity.

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