

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)

Approved Workman

Would you like to present yourself to me as an approved workman? Would you like understand and be able to correctly handle my word? Would you like to live a life that is not filled with shame? Would you like to live the life that I have called you to live? I would like to give you a resounding and emphatic yes to every one of your questions. **That's very good. Let me start by telling you that you cannot earn your salvation. You cannot work to make yourself acceptable in my sight. You cannot earn or merit your forgiveness and cleansing. You cannot save yourself. Your forgiveness and cleansing is a gift that you cannot earn or merit. Only my Son can make you acceptable in my sight. Only by accepting my Son as your Savior and Lord can you begin to live the new life that I have called you to live. Only by turning away from your sin and following me can you start living the new life that I have called you to live. There is no other way to begin. There is no other starting point. Do you understand what I am saying to you?** Yes, I do.

Being an approved workman that correctly handles my word is something that can begin only after you have given your life to me. When you began your new life with me, my Holy Spirit came to live and dwell inside of you. My Holy Spirit will use my word to teach and train you. My Holy Spirit will use my word to change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life. My Holy Spirit will apply my word to your life. My Holy Spirit will use my word to help you to know and do my will. Are you following of that I have said to you so far? Do you have any questions? I understand what you are saying to me. I don't have any questions right now. **That's good.**

Now, I have a question for you. What's that? **What's your part?** I'm not sure what you are asking me. **What part will you play in becoming an approved workman that correctly handles my word?** Won't this also come to me as a gift? **No, becoming an approved workman that correctly handles my word will not come to you as a gift.** What must I do to become an approved workman that correctly handles your word? **That is my question to you. I want you to answer that question.** You think I know the answer to your question? **Yes, I am certain that you know the answer to my question. Let me hear your answer.** If I want to be an approved workman that correctly handles your word I must study your word. I must meet with you in your word. I must carefully consider your word. I must meditate on your word day and night. I must pray your word. I must speak your word. I must grab hold of your word. I must let your word grab a hold of me. Your word is a sword in the Holy Spirit's hand. **Yes, it is.** As I let your word dwell in me richly your Holy Spirit will use your word to fight in me, with me and for me. **That's right.** Every day, as I continue to let your word dwell in me, your Holy Spirit will make me more able to be an approved workman who correctly handles your word. **That's true** As I let your word dwell in me, I will not be ashamed, I will live the life that you are calling me to live. **Yes, and that will be very good.**

Lord, I will make every effort to understand and correctly handle your word. Every day, I will meet with you in your word so that you can use it to change my heart, transform my mind and guide my life. Use your word to make me into your approved workman. Amen

Character *Do Your Best*
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.
NIV 2 Timothy 2:15

Character *Work Hard*
Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.
NLT 2 Timothy 2:15

Character *Do Your Best*
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.
NRSV 2 Timothy 2:15

Character *Study And Be Eager*
Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.
AMP 2 Timothy 2:15

Character *Be Diligent*
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

Character *Do Your Best*
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
ESV 2 Timothy 2:15

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

Character *Concentrate On Doing Your Best*
Concentrate on doing your best for God, work you won't be ashamed of, laying out the truth plain and simple.
MSG 2 Timothy 2:15

Character *Work Hard*
Work hard so God can say to you, "Well done." Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work. Know what his Word says and means.
TLB 2 Timothy 2:15

Character *Make Every Effort*
Make every effort to give yourself to God as the kind of person he will accept. Be a worker who is not ashamed and who uses the true teaching in the right way.
NCV 2 Timothy 2:15

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you correctly handle God's word so you can do your best work for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help me to correctly handle your word so I can do my best work for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I correctly handle your word and do my best work for you today?
