

DILIGENCE #1

As the apostle Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy, he had much to say to him that applied specifically to Timothy's responsibilities as a preacher of the gospel of Christ. But many of the things demanded of Timothy as an evangelist were also essential characteristics and practices necessary for anyone desiring to be a faithful Christian and a productive servant of the Lord. That's the situation with what we find in 2 Timothy 2:15 which says, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

Here we see that all Christians, not just leaders in the church, need to be diligent in their efforts to please God. We accomplish that by regularly studying the Bible and sincerely seeking to know the full message of salvation that God has given to us there. Once learning His will, we must do everything we can to put it into action in our lives. None of us can afford to be merely spectators watching others serve the Lord. Instead, each one of us must be busily doing our part to achieve God's purposes. By dealing with God's word in this way, we can eliminate the shame of failure and assure the joy of success as workers for the Lord.