1 - **Study To Show Thyself Approved**

**2 Timothy 2:14-26**

**2 - “Study…”**

Most versions other than the KJV translate
2 Timothy 2:15, *“Be diligent…”* (NASU; NKJV) or *“Give diligence…”* (ASV)

The word means to “exert oneself, endeavor”.

The object of our exertion is “the word of truth”.

3 **- “Study…”**

Thus, we need to “study” (be diligent, earnest, zealous) the word of God so that we may be “***approved***”, “***unashamed***” and “***accurate***” in our handling of God’s word.

4 - **Studying The Bible**

If it’s something we need, and ought, to do, where do we begin and how do we accomplish what we need to?

If it’s something we need to improve at doing, how do we do that?

5 – “**Assumptions”**

1. There is one God who is the Creator of all things.
2. God has communicated with His creation and told us what we need to know.
3. God is infinite in knowledge, power, presence, love and justice.

We must examine the evidence of each of these!

6 - **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. To **save my soul**!
(1 Timothy 4:16; 1 Peter 2:2)

7 - **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. To become “**Christ-like**”.
(Romans 8:28-29; Ephesians 4:13; Galatians 4:19; Matthew 10:24-25)

8 - **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. To be able to **overcome temptations** and find the way of escape
(1 Corinthians 10:12-13)

9 - **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. To **show us the way!**(Psalms 119:105; 86:11; Matthew 7:13-14)

10 - **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. To **defeat our adversary**!
(Matthew 4:4, 7, 10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 2 Peter 1:12-15)

11 - **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. To “***grow up***” and become a mature Christian
(Ephesians 4:13; Hebrews 5:14 – 6:1; 1 Timothy 4:6; 2 Peter 3:16-17)

12 - **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. To be able to **defend the truth**
(Jude 3; 1 Peter 3:15; 1 Timothy 1:3-5; 6:3)

13 – **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. To **share the good news** with others
(1 Timothy 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 2:2; 4:1-3)

14 – **Effective Bible Study Requires…** Purpose

1. **To make me everything I need to be**!
(1 Timothy 4:11-16; 2 Timothy 2:2; 4:1-3)

15 - **“Study…” (2 Timothy 2:15)**

Note the context of 2 Timothy 2 and the role our bible study plays in:

* Enduring hardships. (vs. 9-13)
* Avoiding useless wrangling. (vs. 14)
* Avoiding worldly and empty chatter. (vs. 15)
* Not straying from the truth. (vs. 17)
* Being useful to the Master. (vs. 20-21)

16 - **“Study…” (2 Timothy 2:15)**

Note the context of 2 Timothy 2 and the role our bible study plays in:

* Knowing what to flee from and pursue. (vs. 22)
* Differentiating good questions from foolish and ignorant ones. (vs. 23)
* Being able to teach and correct those who are in opposition. (vs. 24-26)