1 - 1 - **Study To Show Thyself Approved – Attitudes & Excuses**

**2 Timothy 2:14-26**

2 - **This book will either keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book!**

3 - **Effective Bible Study Begins With The Right Attitude**…

4 - An attitude of **reverence**.

* 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; 1 Peter 4:11; Acts 20:27; Jeremiah 26:2; Malachi 2:5; Psalms 119:38

5 - A **spiritual** attitude.

* 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:3; Romans 8:5-6.

6 – **An attitude of necessity or need.**

* Matthew 5:6; Job 23:11-12; Psalms 119:11, 36, 40, 47

7 - An attitude of **value**.

* Psalms 19:10-12; 119:11, 127, 162; “…*more to be desired… than gold*…”
* A pearl of great price! (Matthew 13:44-45)
* Why is that? Matthew 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:18-19.

8 - An attitude of **relevance** & **personal application**

* I need it to make me everything God expects me to be.
* John 21:21; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Matthew 7:3-5;   
  Luke 12:41; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

9 - An attitude of **joy**.

* Psalms 1:2; 119:14, 47, 92, 111, 162, 174
* Note the contrast in Jeremiah 6:10

10 - An attitude of **eagerness**.

* Acts 17:11; Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:2; Acts 10:33

11 - An attitude of **humility**.

* James 1:19-21; Isaiah 55:9-10; Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12

12 - An attitude of **duty**.

* + - 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 5:12; Luke 17:10

**13 -** An attitude of **sufficiency.**

* Deuteronomy 29:29; Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3;   
  Psalms 119:89
* Avoid speculation about what God didn’t reveal.   
  1 Timothy 1:4; 2 Timothy 2:23
* We don’t argue based on what God didn’t say.

14 - Watch Out For Excuses!

1. **I don’t have time**! We do (Ephesians 5:15-16)
2. **I don’t have the training**. Teach what you know. (Acts 8:4)
3. **I’m too old.** You’re not!
4. **It’s boring**. Need a spiritual mindset. (Colossians 3:1-2)
5. **It’s not relevant**. It “abides forever” (1 Peter 1:22-25)
6. **I’m not sure it’s accurate**. We have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:10-16)
7. **It’s not understandable**. Paul said it is! (Ephesians 3:3-5; 5:17)
8. **I already know what it says**. Need to be reminded/stay filled. (2 Pet. 1:12-15; 3:1-2)