

Why Should We Study The Bible?



II TIMOTHY 2:15

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- Maynard always tells us to read our bibles and pray everyday
- We probably have heard over and over that we need to read and study our Bibles
- Why is it such a necessity to do so, at least on a daily basis?

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- Some may argue that they are too busy
- Others may say they feel they can do just as well studying once a week
- Some do not feel the personal responsibility in it—they feel as long as there is someone to teach them and answer their questions they don't need personal study

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- Obviously there are several problems with those lines of thought
- But what does the Bible say about our need to study?
- Paul revealed a lot when he wrote to a young preacher named Timothy and admonished him to study...

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- 1. To present yourself approved to God
 - Apparently we cannot be approved of without the proper study and knowledge of God's word
 - A student in school studies to show that he knows the material
 - He must gain approval before moving on in school

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- 1. To present yourself approved to God
 - There are some who simply listen to the preacher
 - The problem is that a preacher is human and subject to mistakes
 - The reason there are so many false religions in the world is because people do not study

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- 1. To present yourself approved to God
 - We must study to confirm the things that are spoken to us
 - Acts 17:11
 - Bereans searched the scriptures daily!
 - A person who studies can and will know the truth

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- **2. A worker who does not need to be ashamed**
 - Have you ever met a worker in a certain field of work who didn't know what they were talking about?
 - Maybe you asked a store employee about one of their products and they couldn't tell you anything

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- **2. A worker who does not need to be ashamed**
 - If we study and know our Bibles, then we will never have reason to be ashamed
 - It is the blueprint for Christian living and service
 - No carpenter builds a house without a blueprint

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- **2. A worker who does not need to be ashamed**
 - Again, no plan will mean shabby work, and that is not something to be proud of
 - A worker who studies the plan will know what to do
 - Christians who study will know God's plan

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- 2. A worker who does not need to be ashamed
 - Eph. 3:3,4
 - Js. 1:25
 - Rom. 10:17
 - II Pet. 1:3
 - II Tim. 3:16

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- 3. Rightly dividing the word of truth
 - The word dividing there means to dissect
 - In other words we are to study so that we may correctly dissect the word of God
 - Herein lies another principle...sometimes we have to dissect scripture to understand it's meaning and application

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- 3. Rightly dividing the word of truth
 - We must know all of the Bible to understand all of the Bible
 - Eph. 4:9 might be hard to understand without knowing Luke 23
 - Eph. 4:9 speaks of Jesus
 - We must understand that He was buried

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- **3. Rightly dividing the word of truth**
 - It's a lot like math...if you miss something, you will not be able to move on and understand what is next
 - We must know and understand the OT so that we can understand certain things about the NT

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- 4. We cannot follow Matt. 28:19-20 without it
 - How can we follow the command of Jesus if we do not know all the commands to teach to others?
 - Very simply stated, we need to study our Bibles and know all that we are able to about it!