

God's Word or My Opinion?

2 Timothy 2:15 and 3:16-17

PROBLEM (2 Timothy 2:15)

“Be diligent ... as a workman ... accurately handling the word of truth.”

PROCESS

Why Study – 2 Timothy 3:16 (NAS95) All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

How to study – 2 Timothy 2:15, (NAS95) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. This is where you roll up your sleeves and do 3 things:

1. **Observation** – What does Scripture say? Ask who, what, where, when, why, and how. Look into the parts of speech and grammar.
2. **Interpretation** – What does Scripture mean? Look at the context, culture, history, grammar, and whether it's literal or figurative.
3. **Application** – What does it mean to me? What do I learn about God? Is there a command that's relevant to here and now? Is there an example to follow or a principle to apply?

Results of Study – 2 Timothy 3:17 “...so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

PROFIT (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable...” This is how we are useful to God – we get *“equipped for every good work.”*