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## **Workman**

I have been drawn in. **You have been drawn into what?** I have been drawn into quarrelsome words. I have been drawn into godless chatter. I know that quarrelsome words and godless chatter are not worth my time. They are worthless words that bear no fruit of any kind. **They are worse than that.** Yes, I know quarrelsome words and godless chatter harm both those that hear and those that speak them. **That is exactly right.**

**What will help you to steer clear of hearing and speaking quarrelsome words and godless chatter?** That's a good question. I am very thankful that I know the answer to that question. **Let me hear your answer.** If I make it my habit and daily pattern to meet with you in your word I will be protected from quarrelsome words and godless chatter. **I would like to hear you say more about how you will be protected by my word.** If I study your word daily I will be filled with your words. Your words will push quarrelsome and godless chatter out of my heart and mind and life. Instead of thinking of quarrelsome words and godless chatter my heart and mind and life will be focused on your words. My heart and mind and life cannot think both your thoughts and quarrelsome thoughts and godless chatter. **No, it cannot.** Your word will make me want to think your thoughts. Your word will make me able to put your thoughts and words into practice in my life. **Yes, my word will protect your thoughts by giving you my thoughts to think and words to put into practice.**

**You have something that you would like to ask me. You have a desire that is on your heart.** Yes, I have a prayer to pray. There is something that I want from you. **I'm listening.** I want you to help me to be a workman that correctly handles your word. I want to know your word. I want to put your word into practice. I want your word to guard and guide my life. I want you to strengthen me by your word. I want your word to make it so I don't speak or listen to quarrelsome words and ungodly chatter. I want your word to keep from ever being ashamed. I want your word to help me to live in every way that is pleasing to you. I want your word to bear fruit in me for your kingdom so I can bring glory to your name. **Keep meeting with me in my word and you will have what you have asked of me.**

*Lord, I present myself to you. Help me to avoid quarrelsome words and godless chatter that are of no value. Instead help me to be an approved workman who listens to and correctly handles your word of truth. Help me to live a godly life that is pleasing to you. Amen*

**Truth** *Handles The Word Of Truth*

Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

NIV 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Correctly Explains The Word Of Truth*

Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them. Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior.

NLT 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Rightly Explaining The Word Of Truth*

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. Avoid profane chatter, for it will lead people into more and more impiety,

NRSV 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Skillfully Teaching The Word Of Truth*

Remind [the people] of these facts and [solemnly] charge them in the presence of the Lord to avoid petty controversy over words, which does no good but upsets *and* undermines the faith of the hearers. Study *and* be eager *and* do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing *and* accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth. But avoid all empty (vain, useless, idle) talk, for it will lead people into more *and* more ungodliness.

AMP 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Handling The Word Of Truth*

Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly charge *them* in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless *and* leads to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid worldly *and* empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,

NASB 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Handling The Word Of Truth*

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,

ESV 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Rightly Dividing The Word Of Truth*

Remind *them* of these things, charging *them* before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

NKJV 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Laying Out The Truth*

Repeat these basic essentials over and over to God's people. Warn them before God against pious nitpicking, which chips away at the faith. It just wears everyone out. Concentrate on doing your best for God, work you won't be ashamed of, laying out the truth plain and simple. Stay clear of pious talk that is only talk. Words are not mere words, you know. If they're not backed by a godly life,

MSG 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Know What His Word Says And Means*

Remind your people of these great facts, and command them in the name of the Lord not to argue over unimportant things. Such arguments are confusing and useless and even harmful. Work hard so God can say to you, "Well done." Be a good workman, one who does not need to be ashamed when God examines your work. Know what his Word says and means. Steer clear of foolish discussions that lead people into the sin of anger with each other.

TLB 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**Truth** *Use The True Teaching*

Continue teaching these things, warning people in God's presence not to argue about words. It does not help anyone, and it ruins those who listen. Make every effort to give yourself to God as the kind of person he will accept. Be a worker who is not ashamed and who uses the true teaching in the right way. Stay away from foolish, useless talk, because that will lead people further away from God.

NCV 2 Timothy 2:14-16

# Handling The Word Of Truth

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Truth** – 2 Timothy 2:14-16

**In Context:** *Read 2 Timothy 2*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What must you do if you want to be an approved workman that correctly handles God's word?

**How are you making it your daily habit and pattern to meet with God in His word?**

**How has studying and putting God's word into practice kept you from being ashamed?**

How has the Lord helped you grow in your ability to study and handle His word?

**Why will you not grow in your ability to handle God's word if you don't study it regularly?**

How has the Lord changed your heart and transformed your mind as you have studied His word?

How has studying God's word helped you avoid quarrelsome words and godless chatter?

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make you your daily habit and pattern to study and put God's word into practice so you will never be ashamed.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to become an approved workman, able to correctly handle His word.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how studying God's word has become a part of your daily life.

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**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you study and correctly handle God's word so that you will never be ashamed.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, help me to study and correctly handle your word so that I will never be ashamed.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I study and correctly handle your word today?*

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