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Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy: An Approved Workman

Scripture text: 2 Tim 2:14-19

A workman of Jesus Christ is called to labour for the purpose of being approved in God's sight. All Christians have to give an account to Christ of the works done on this earth and should seek His commendation.

A Christian must work hard to show himself approved to God in the handling of God's Word. We do so by sparing no effort in studying God's Word and rightly dividing His Word of Truth. We must understand it deeply and be precise in living out His commandments (verse 15).

A Christian must show himself approved to God in shunning unedifying words that do not promote godliness. Unprofitable words can bring about division among brethren (verse 14). Vain words can also lead to a spreading of falsehood, which may cause some to doubt the perfection of God's Word and their faith (verses 16 to 18). We must know and teach what is biblical.

An approved workman must remain holy and glorify God in all areas of his life. He can only do so by the grace of God and will preserve his faith to the end (verse 19).