

Teaching Series: 2 Timothy
Passage: 2 Timothy 2:14-26
Title: The Approved Worker of God

Summary: In our text today, the Lord tells us what His “approved”, accepted, proven worker does and is. They are like a skilled surgeon, a vessel of honor, and a rescuer of the captive. Join us as we study to show ourselves “approved” a worker who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of God.

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V.15 – Study, means to be diligent, to be eager, to be zealous to make every effort, to do your utmost, to exert oneself, to labor. So we see the calling of studying, as we see the illustration of being a farmer, an athlete, a soldier – and the discipline and labor it requires to be victories and bring a harvest.

Rightly divide means to cut a straight line, precision, like a farmer plowing a straight line, like a carpenter cutting a board straight, and like a skilled surgeon with his scalpel.

The cutting is to know God’s Word, so we can see what is not God’s Word (will and way). To take God’s word and cut against all the winds and words and babble of the world, and come to just pure meat of the word.

Like the soldier, the athlete, and the farmer – these men took no shortcuts, they never “shaved” the word down, they “studied” to know the Word, what it meant, what God was meaning behind it, so they could live it and give it! Christian..... lets LIVE IT AND GIVE IT, the Word of God!

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Last study we talked about Ezra and him leading a group of people back from Babylon to help rebuild, replenish, the Temple of God in Jerusalem that laid in ruin after the Babylonians destroyed some 70 years earlier. Now notice this, Ezra was a ready, or skilled, scribe.

Ezra 7:6 (NKJV) ⁶ this Ezra came up from Babylon; and he was a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. The king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

To us a scribe sounds like a glorified secretary, someone who simply writes. That is not the idea of this description of Ezra. For the Jewish culture of that day, a skilled scribe was an expert in the Law of Moses, someone who was like a highly trained lawyer in the word of God. (Guzik)

When did he get ready? When he was in captivity in Babylon. He could have pouted. He could have been angry he was not in a greater position of importance. But instead of pouting, he prepared. Even if you're in a place of captivity, even if you feel like you're boxed in, don't pout. Prepare. Study. Pray. Seek the Lord. In due time, at the right time, the Lord will release you for those tasks He has prepared for you. Ezra spent years preparing. Then the Lord tapped him on the shoulder to lead another group out of captivity and back to the Land of Promise (Courson)

And notice this, as we speak of soldiers deployable and disciplined, as well as athletes and farmers and the discipline it takes to win and bring in a harvest:

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Ezra, went the distance, literally, and was willing to go to whatever length it took to serve His God, and may we remember his example as we study the rest of our passage today as we speak of being vessels of honor and rescuers of the captives.

Ezra 7:8-9 (NKJV) ⁸ And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. ⁹ On the first day of the first month he began his journey from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

“Though the direct distance between Babylon and Jerusalem is about five hundred miles, the travelers would have had to traverse nine hundred miles, going northwest along the Euphrates River and then south.” (Yamauchi)

So Christian, how far would you go to be an approved worker for the Lord? Ezra went 900 miles over 4 months, that is like only being able to go 8 miles a day, and so if you hike for 8 hours that is still only 1 mile an hour, that is a laborious hike. Who would join me to start walking to Florida today, as that is about 800 miles from here in Maryland?

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Hymenaeus and Philetus were saying, “There is no real resurrection. Forget the Rapture. It’s all symbolic and not to be taken literally.” They claimed to be insightful, but because of their vain discussion of these things, the faith of some was hurt badly. I think they are saying no resurrection in the sense that the body doesn’t resurrect, just the spirit, and thus what you do in the body doesn’t matter and therefore. It was called “gnosticism” and was very prevalent in the time of this writing. Basically, it was an excuse they made up to indulge in the flesh and try to not feel guilty about it. Today we see a picture of it in Catholicism where you could buy indulgences in the medieval times, and today you pay for a mass for a loved one to help buy them out of purgatory. All of it totally unscriptural and heretical.

Cancer spreads — or metastasizes — when cancer cells break away from the original tumor and travel through your bloodstream or lymphatic system to other parts of your body.

The approved worker of God must be like a skilled surgeon, and removing invasive cancer from ourselves, the church, and others before it can spread and destroy.

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Quoting from Numbers 16,

Numbers 16:1–5 (NKJV) ¹ Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; ² and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. ³ They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?" ⁴ So when Moses heard it, he fell on his face; ⁵ and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to Him. That one whom He chooses He will cause to come near to Him.

Numbers 16:25–27 (NKJV) ²⁵ Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. ²⁶ And he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins." ²⁷ So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and their little children.

Numbers 16:31–35 (NKJV) ³¹ Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground split apart under them, ³² and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods. ³³ So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly. ³⁴ Then all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us up also!" ³⁵ And a fire came out from the LORD and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense.

Paul says, "Even though there are men Hymenaeus and Philetus) causing problems with their erroneous teaching, the Lord will keep those that are truly His." Numbers 16 is indeed an appropriate parallel....

"Who gave you the right to rule over us?" Korah, Dathan, and Abiram asked Moses.

And Moses wisely responded by saying to the two hundred fifty men with them, "If I were you, I would depart from them. They're causing division. They're a big problem. Stay away."

But Moses' warning went unheeded. So the earth swallowed them all (Numbers 16:32).

If you want to find yourself swallowed up by despair or confusion, hang around those who cause problems. I have yet to see a man or a woman prosper who causes division and problems in a church.

And the calling to depart from iniquity (sin); lets look at verses 20-21, as we have the calling to be vessels of honor, pure, so we can be useful and used by the Master.

(2 Timothy 2:20 NKJV) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

(2 Timothy 2:21 NKJV) Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

I simply love that phrase, “useful for the Master”, oh it just warms my heart, moves my heart, “the Master”, oh to be used and useful for the Master! Here I am Lord, send me as Isaiah said!

Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV) ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Back to Ezra, read this with me:

Ezra 6:1–5 (NKJV) ¹ Then King Darius issued a decree, and a search was made in the archives, where the treasures were stored in Babylon. ² And at Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a scroll was found, and in it a record was written thus: ³ In the first year of King Cyrus, King Cyrus issued a decree concerning the house of God at Jerusalem: “Let the house be rebuilt, the place where they offered sacrifices; and let the foundations of it be firmly laid, its height sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits, ⁴ with three rows of heavy stones and one row of new timber. Let the expenses be paid from the king’s treasury. ⁵ Also let the gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple which is in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be restored and taken back to the temple which is in Jerusalem, each to its place; and deposit them in the house of God”—

Ezra 7:12–17 (NKJV) ¹² Artaxerxes, king of kings, To Ezra the priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of heaven: Perfect peace, and so forth. ¹³ I issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests and Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go up to Jerusalem, may go with you. ¹⁴ And whereas you are being sent by the king and his seven counselors to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, with regard to the Law of your God which is in your hand; ¹⁵ and whereas you are to carry the silver and gold which the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem; ¹⁶ and whereas all the silver and gold that you may find in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offering of the people and the priests, are to be freely offered for the house of their God in Jerusalem—¹⁷ now therefore, be careful to buy with this money bulls, rams, and lambs, with their grain offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them on the altar of the house of your God in Jerusalem.

Like Zerubbabel (Ezra 6 – first group to return), and Ezra (Ezra 7 – the second group to return), they were all carrying treasures with them, back to Jerusalem, and very specifically the Temple, the articles for the Temple.

Christian, listen why you are so amazing, because you are a “Treasure Carrier”:

1 Corinthians 3:16–17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.

Remind you, the theme of the epistle and what we are called to do, hold fast:

2 Timothy 1:13–14 (NKJV) ¹³ Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

It is not about the vessel, but what the vessel carries, and you carry the Treasure, God in you!

Colossians 1:27–29 (NKJV) ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Do you realize what this truly means to us? Our lives are supernatural. Our lives are spiritual, because God who is Spirit lives in us and desires to use us for His glory. As Treasure carriers, we need to remember anything can happen at any given moment, because of Who we Carry.

From “Lessons from the Hunt”

Pastor Ray here with another lesson from the hunt. Went out this morning, a little after day break, and two does jumped me. “Wait a minute,” you hunters say. “You mean you jumped two does.” No, two does jumped me, in that they totally surprised me. I didn’t see them coming. Wasn’t expecting them at all. And basically what happened was, as I was walking in from my truck to where I would put up my stand, it’s about a half a mile walk and it’s along a gravel road. And then I break off about a half mile later and then start cutting into the woods.

And I had my bow in hand, had my tree climber on my back. I had my quick release strapped in on my trigger finger because I said you never know what might happen. But obviously, even as I say you never know what might happen, it happened and I was totally unprepared for it. I just caught a glimpse, right as I was beginning to go around a bend down a hill, I saw the white tail. That’s all I saw in the bush, heading into the bush was the white tail.

So then I positioned and got ready with the hope that there was a second behind that one, but after 30 seconds, nothing. So I made my way quietly and slowly to the brim of the hill and looked down the hill, hoping that maybe that doe or two would’ve been just

there, 10, 20 yards down the hill, meaning that the doe didn't see me and that I was going to get the jump on the doe. But as I came up to the little tip of the brim of the hill, there was nothing at 20 yards, 30 or 40. And then finally around 50 or 60 yards out, I see one doe running and then right behind it, six feet, was doe number two, practicing social distancing, obviously.

And it all told me the story that they had saw me, they had knew that I was there, and they were on the move. And the point that I make is even though I said be ready, I truly wasn't. Because in my mind, truly the shot wasn't going to happen except back at where I had determined was a pinch point and the best place to set up the tree stand to hopefully oversee the hill that they would be coming down. And so my mind was getting to the tree, even though I said be ready for anything.

And you know, the funny thing about it is it's so much like that in our spiritual life, because literally the split second before I saw that white tail going into the bush, I had said to myself, or the Lord had spoken to me, be spiritual, make this a spiritual time, redeem the time for the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16). Be ready to just sit with the Lord and speak with him, pray with him, have a time with him. I have a little wrist strap that flips open. It's camouflaged, but it flips open. And it holds two 4 by 6 index cards. And I write scriptures or prayer points on it, or sermon outlines, whatever they may be, to sit and pray and to ponder and just spend time in the stand, enjoying the glorious outdoors, and enjoying the excitement of the hunt, and above all to spend time with the Lord to hear what he might say to me.

So it is ever so fitting in that I said, or the Lord spoke, make this spiritual. Let the things of the spirit arise and enjoy it. And the two points that I tie in from the lesson from the hunt, just as in spirituality, same with the hunt. We can think the spirituality, the spiritual things are only going to happen at certain places, at certain times, as we see it to be, just like the deer hunt. Certain place, certain time, as we see it to be. That's the location, that's the place that I'll get my shot.

And we can do the same where we say in our spiritual walk, the spiritual thing's only going to happen in my dedicated devotion time. The spiritual thing's only going to happen in my time at the church or in this men's group that I go to. And we just miss so often, I'm sure of it, just like the lesson from the hunt, that God's ready to do something spiritual anywhere, anytime, any place. And we just need to leave ourselves open to that of, "Lord, here I am. Everywhere I go today, if you want to break through and make it into a spiritual moment, if you want to break through and give me something, then Lord, I gladly receive that and I want to be ready for whatever you would have for me." And so the lesson from the hunt, I pray it blesses you.

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For you youth, men or woman of any age; remember it is 2:22 am/pm twice a day, to remind us, stay pure before the Lord.

Joseph fled, David fed. Joseph took the thought captive and fled, but David fed the thought and was taken down.

2 Corinthians 10:3–6 (NKJV) ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Genesis 39:11–12 (NKJV) ¹¹ But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, ¹² that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

2 Samuel 11:2–3 (NKJV) ² Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. ³ So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

Hey, regardless of age, every person needs to stay on guard. Ask Job, he had 10 sons and daughters, but even at his middle age he tells us he had to stay on guard. If he didn't guard, he would have never said what he said.

Job 31:1 (NKJV) ¹ "I have made a covenant with my eyes; Why then should I look upon a young woman?"

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Wasted debates, wasted time, instead of studying the Word of God and seeking what God says about the matter, Christian cruise the internet and news channels to hear what others say.

But we are to be a people, who don't get caught up in that stuff, but stay laser focused on the Word, for only it can cut through all the lies and deception of the world, the flesh, and the Devil and set people free. We are to rescue them, by throwing them the lifeline of the Word of God, that we can only pray through the Holy Spirit (the Treasure in Us – therefore anything can happen), and prayerfully they will turn from sin and unto the Lord, as the Word rightly divides.

Jude 20–23 (NKJV) ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. ²² And on some have compassion, making a distinction; ²³ but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

John 8:32 (NKJV) ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

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