

“TRUE LEADERSHIP!”

2 Timothy Chapter 2:15-26

D) DUTY (TO HIS WORD) (v15-18)

(v15) (KJV) 2 Timothy 2:15 - *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

> **Why STUDY the Word of God? Because:**

- **The Bible is INSPIRED** - **2 Timothy 3:16,17** - *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- **The Bible is INFALLIBLE** - **Psalm 119:89** - *Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in heaven. Isa 40:8* - *The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."*

- **The Bible is AUTHORITATIVE** - **2 Peter 1:19-21** - *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

- **The Bible is INERRANT** - **Psalm 19:8** - *The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; Matt 5:18* - *"For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*

- **The Bible is ALL SUFFICIENT** - **Hebrews 4:12** - *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Jer 15:16* - *Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.*

- **The Bible is WONDERFUL** - **Ps 119:18** - *Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.*

- **The Bible is NOURISHMENT** - **1 Peter 2:2** - *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*

- **The Bible is the TESTIMONY OF JESUS** - **John 5:39** - *"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. Revelation 19:10* – *For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

- **The Bible is for our LEARNING** - **Romans 15:4** - *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.*

- **The Bible brings FAITH** - **Romans 10:17** - *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- **The Bible brings SUCCESS** – **Joshua 1:1-9** (“observe to do”)

- **The Bible brings REVIVAL** – **2 Kings 22:8** - Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." (During the reign of King Josiah.)

- **The Bible brings VICTORY** – **Matthew 4: 1-11** (“It is written”)

- **The Bible makes you RAPTURE ready** – **Revelation 3:7-13**

* At a very moderate rate, the entire Bible can be read in about 70 hours. That works out to about 52 hours for the Old Testament and 18 hours for the New Testament. If one reads systematically 4 chapters per day you will finish the entire Bible in 9 to 10 months.

(v16) “Shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness” – Pastors beware of the mixed multitude that would rather share personal opinions about God, rather than learning about God from his Word. Remember the ungodly always desire to make into their image, instead of conforming our life into the image of God, according to the Word of God and the life of Christ!

(v17-18) Hymenaeus had ***blasphemed*** God in 1 Timothy 1:20 and along with Philetus had ***strayed from the TRUTH*** with the goal to overthrow the **FAITH** of others.

II) HONOR (TO GOD) (v19-22)

(v19-21) True Christians will want to depart and will depart from INIQUITY.

The Lord knows those who are His and there are others He does not know, **Matthew 7:21-23** - *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, 'I cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'* Believers are called to depart from iniquity and become a vessel of **HONOR**, but the question is how? Turn to **1 John 1:8-10**; King David understood this principle of confession and repentance when he wrote **Psalm 32 and Psalm 51**.

III) COURAGE (IN CHRIST) (v22-26)

(v22-26) Have COURAGE to:

- > Flee youthful lusts!
- > Pursue *righteousness, faith, love, peace* – call on the LORD!
- > Avoid foolish and ignorant disputes!
- > Be a servant of the LORD!
- > Humbly correct those in opposition, providing repentance and the knowledge of the TRUTH!
- > Set the captives FREE!

DUTY DESTROYS THE LIES OF THE DEVIL!

HONOR DEFEATS THE STRONGHOLDS OF THE DEVIL!

COURAGE DELIVERS US FROM THE CAPTIVITY OF THE DEVIL!

LET'S GO FOR GOD!