

A man in a blue button-down shirt is sitting in a field of tall grass, reading an open Bible. The background is a soft-focus landscape with a blue sky and some trees. The text 'Diligent Study' is overlaid in white, with '2 Timothy 2:15' below it.

Diligent Study

2 Timothy 2:15

Not Ashamed

- Paul says study so that you won't be ashamed (2 Tim. 2:15).
- This is strong language (Lk. 14:9; Rev. 3:18).
- It can be the foundation for strong rebuke (Heb. 5:11-14).
- Husbands, in particular, need to be leading this effort (1 Cor. 14:35).
- This is not about our pride but rather for His pleasure (Col. 1:9-10).

A Diligent Workman

- The word diligence suggests hard work, eagerness, and urgency (2 Tim. 4:9; 1 Thess. 2:17; Lk. 19:5-6).
- Profitable study is hard work and requires devotion (Acts 22:3).
- We have to remember what we are working for (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 1:14-16).

Accurate Handling

- We aren't studying "to be right" but we do want to be correct (2 Tim. 2:15).
- This has to do with making some fine distinctions (Heb. 4:12).
- A lot of that will come from experience (Heb. 5:14).
- But we have to know the limitations of what can be known (2 Tim. 2:14; Deut. 29:29).
- Accuracy comes before application.