

# Workmen



The only time Paul uses the word “workman” is when he talks about studying the word of truth.

### 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.

I think that the work that the workman is doing is studying to make sure he is rightly dividing the Bible to make sure he knows which things apply to him and which things are good for learning.

### 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 (work?) man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

I listened to a message once that was completely focused on the word thoroughly. Many people read it as “thoroughly” but the message I heard said it “thoroughly” is a much more complete saturation than “thoroughly.” To be “thoroughly” furnished unto all good works, is to be steeped in

scripture to the point it is a part of your fabric—as in “through and through.”

So the workman does his good work (not works) by studying the scriptures and learning them rightly divided before he approaches others. Paul tells Timothy how to become a vessel for God’s use for every good work.

### 2 Timothy 2:21

If a man therefore purge himself from these, **he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**

Workmen should purge the things that appeal to the flesh, but follow those things that purify the heart. They should avoid people who want to fight about doctrine, but be gentle to everyone and *ready and able to teach* (because they are thoroughly furnished unto good works and rightly dividing scripture.)

## 2 Timothy 2:22-26

**Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned questions avoid,** knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but **be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,** In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Workmen are to study and know the word of God thoroughly and be able to gently and patiently teach people who are lost. The people who are taught will be able to go and teach others the same way.

## 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, **the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**

We know the will of God. He wants all men to be saved!

### 1 Timothy 2:1-4

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. **For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

First and most important for the workmen to know is how to be saved.

### 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how **that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he**

**was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

Next, God wants those saved to know the Bible (come unto the knowledge of the truth.) That's why workmen should be thoroughly furnished and knowledgeable about the word of truth.

My personal thought on this is that the first, and the most important, thing about the word of truth is that the saved are sealed, permanently, and can never lose their salvation. Satan has done a remarkable job of causing Christians to believe that they can lose their salvation if they don't continue to work to keep it!!!

Ephesians 4:30

And grieve not **the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**

This evil strategy is working in churches everywhere because of beliefs about confession, water baptism, speaking in tongues, and many other things that man has added as conditions to "keeping" one's salvation.

God knows how people think. Paul tells us that anyone today who wants to be a spiritual teacher must acknowledge that Paul's teachings are the commandments of the Lord. That also means anyone we listen to for guidance must also profess the same.

If a person will not do that, we are to let him be ignorant. Paul tells us to covet to prophesy (the word of truth is also prophecy.)

1 Corinthians 14:37-40

**If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.** But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.

We are to avoid people who do not want to acknowledge the doctrine we know to be true.

Romans 16:17

Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the**

**doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**

1 Corinthians 8:6-13

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

7Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

9But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

10For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

11And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.