

“APPROVED WORKERS ARE NOT ASHAMED”

II Timothy 2:15

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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever been Ashamed? Why?

Who were you ashamed before? Parents, Brothers, or Sisters? Teachers? Friends?

It is an awful thing to be ashamed!

But, there is one person especially before whom it is dreadfully awful to be ashamed: **The Lord!**

Imagine standing before Him one day and hearing:

- 1) *“I never knew you.”* OR
- 2) *“Your works are worthless—**wood, hay, stubble.**”* (I Cor. 3:11-15)

It is one thing to be ashamed before people; it is another thing to be ashamed before God!

YOU MUST BE AN APPROVED WORKER BEFORE GOD.

- I. BE A WORKER—Life is not all Play!
Even many adults never really learn this lesson—ALWAYS LOOKING FOR ENTERTAINMENT.
- II. BE CAREFUL—Be diligent; study hard; work at it.
Don't be lazy! Lazy people don't get anything of real value done! See Prov. 6:6-11
- III. BE DEDICATED—“Show, present yourself”
See Romans 12:1-2
 - A. A living sacrifice [**LLUS: A “stuffed animal”**]; here, **play with it; have fun! Do you think that is what God wants from you?**]
 - B. “Holy and acceptable”—Would you be pleased if I gave you sour milk or a spoiled tomato?
 - C. Serve God.
- IV. BE APPROVED UNTO GOD
 - A. Accurately handling God's Word—**Not dividing it into parts!** Know what the Bible Means and apply it in the right way!
 - B. This requires **Hard Study!**
 - Get the help of the Holy Spirit
 - Get help from your Bible teachers/pastor/computer aids/ study Bibles/ etc.
 - C. God's Word is Truth.
 - Memorize it—**but know what it means!**

CONCLUSION

Be a worker, Be careful, Be dedicated, Be approved unto God

THEN YOU WON'T HAVE TO BE ASHAMED! You can hear God's “WELL DONE”!