

## **Apply The Text**

### **2Timothy 2:15**

Title is from a quote by Mr John Albert Bengel, A NT commentary writer in the 1700's.

The full quote is *"Apply thyself wholly to the text. Apply the text wholly to thyself."*

Think about that for a moment. We frequently declare that we should spend time with the Word. Do we agree with the second statement, though? Are you diligently applying the Word to You?

It is easy to see the faults in others, or see how they need a particular lesson from the Word. It is much more difficult for us to accept that I need a particular lesson.

God expects a personal application of the things taught in His Word - **2Timothy 2:15**

Personal, individual responsibility to show self approved before God - **1Timothy 5:22**

I cannot keep you pure, you cannot keep me pure. An individual command. - **1Timothy 4:16**

First responsibility is to take heed to self - **1Timothy 4:13-15**

You meditate; give attention to read, exhortation, doctrine, not neglecting your duty

Too often we neglect applying self to the text. Even worse we fail to apply the text to self.

How can we adjust our attitude?

### **Realize Our Place In This World**

We are slaves - **Matthew 22:37-40; Romans 6:16-18**

Expected to be a living sacrifice - **Romans 12:1; 1Peter 2:5; Hebrews 13:15**

To serve, not to be served - **Matthew 20:26-28**

### **Realize Who Is Your Judge**

To whom am I accountable? - **John 5:22,27; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 2:15-16**

Shouldn't you be doing His Will? - **John 12:48**

Deity has told you what to do, now you should do it!

### **Realize The Great Importance Of Your Soul**

Do you understand the value of your soul?

It is valued more than life - **1Peter 1:17-19; Revelation 1:5; Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 1:7**

Jesus, the Son of God, had to die on a cross for your soul - **Matthew 26:28**

Is your soul worth doing the Will of the Lord? Or are you too selfish?

### **Realize Your Eternal Destiny**

Is death the end of it all?

Would you really be here today if you believed that? - **Ecclesiastes 12:7**

You believe there is life after death - **Luke 16:22-25**

Ultimately it is Heaven or Hell!

Heaven if you do the Lord's Will - **Revelation 7:14-17**

Hell, if you don't - **Revelation 21:8**

It is up to you - **2Peter 3:9**

### **Salvation can be yours if you give yourself to the Lord**

*"Apply thyself wholly to the text. Apply the text wholly to thyself."*

Submit to His Will and be saved!

Fail to apply the text wholly to yourself and be lost!

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