

A man in a blue button-down shirt is sitting in a field of tall grass, reading an open book. 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

# Inductive Study

- Inductive study is given as an ideal mindset with which to approach Bible study.
- Sometimes, presuppositions keep us from very plain conclusions (Jn. 9:24-25).
- At other times, it may cause us to overlook subtleties (Mt. 22:31-32).
- This happens when people start with any sort of creed that must be maintained.
- Our language should reflect varying degrees of confidence (2 Tim. 3:7; Esther 4:14).

# Some Presuppositions

- If we are to study God's word honestly, we must concede the existence of God as He presents Himself (Gen. 1:1).
- The Bible is inspired by Him and that inspiration did not leave room for human error (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21).
- The Bible is complete and we expect no further revelation to be added (Jd. 3; Gal. 1:8-9).
- Additionally, we have to accept self evident elements of communication and logic.

# Things to Remember

- We are studying a book whose parts are distinct but harmonized.
- Remember that each verse and paragraph and chapter is part of a larger, complete work.
- The knowledge is gained in layers but the layers harmonize as well (Rom. 13:9).
- There is method, but it is not a rigid process.