

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

The Point of Bible Study

- “It’s not about being right”
(Jn. 14:15, 21, 31).
- Be holy for I AM holy (1 Pet. 1:16;
Lev. 19:2).
- There is a knowledge that comes only from
application (2 Pet. 1:4-9).

Primary Application

- Is this a generic command to all, or is it directed to particular people (Acts 17:30; Matt. 19:21; Deut. 5:3)?
- Does it involve a circumstance that still exists today (1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Tim. 2:13)?
- Are we looking at a character trait or a specific action (1 Thess. 3:12; 2 Thess. 3:10)?
- Is this behavior that is commended or commanded (Acts 4:36-5:4; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2)?
- Specific application is not required from every passage at every moment.

Indirect Application

- Don't discard a passage just because it isn't directly applicable (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- Sometimes the indirect application is the point (1 Cor. 9:9-10).
- Firm conclusions can be established from very indirect paths (Matt. 22:31-32).
- Application need not be binding to be valuable (Jer. 35).