2Thess #147

Divine Good

We can open today in 2Timothy 2 RF.

This study on divine good is a direct result of our closing out the 2nd chapter in 2Thessalonians;

/2Thes 2:17 comfort and strengthen your hearts **in every good work and word.**

DIVINE GOOD is always a result of the WORD accurately handled, within the NEW NATURE application of our temporal walk.\

The word is the mind of Christ and your new nature, is a divine union with TLJC therefore one works off of the other.

They do not independently flow away from each other; they work in divine harmony like your whole hand works in harmony with your fingers.

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/There is a deep misconception, that Christian service can be fulfilled in the power of human ability or talent, performed by your human energy, your personal I.Q. rather than the power of God. Anything done with wrong motivation and not under the filling of the Holy Spirit is not recognized as divine good. There must be spiritual growth before there can be the production of divine good. \

There is great depth to the Biblical principle - the right thing done in the right way.

Starting with having the right priorities and a balanced, organized life.

Your spiritual growth may be hindered, simply because you do not have a balanced or organized life.

There are many misconceptions concerning spiritual growth and especially the production of divine good.

One misconception revolves around people that perform good deeds, that have nice personalities or show generosity and kindness.

/The Unbeliever can quit bad habits, they can give generously, they can serve others and show great deeds of compassion. Yet the Unbel can never be spiritual without Christ. Therefore, everything the Unbel does has little or no meaning for eternity. Fruit bearing is the production of divine good, not independently of, but as a result of the filling power of GOD the Holy Spirit and advancing in the spiritual life. \

Producing divine good demands having right priorities first.

Right priorities are a sign of a consistent divine viewpoint in action, this only originates from consistent exposure to truth…the perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine.

In 2Timothy chapter 2, the Apostle Paul is teaching Timothy about good leadership qualities. He references being a good solider for Christ. Because we are in a spiritual war.

Do not entangle yourself in the petty nonsense of everyday life that so many waste time disputing and agonizing over.

Be diligent and prepared - practicing the skills needed for spiritual combat.

There is a slight reprimand within this teaching from the Apostle Paul directed at Timothy as a pastor-teacher.

Timothy needed to be shaken up and awaken to stronger leadership skills.

Much of this is set up in a command form.

2Tim 2:14 Remind *them* of these things, and solemnly exhort *them* in the presence of God not to dispute about words, which is useless *and leads* to the ruin of the listeners.

Think about how many useless hours we spend on social media or watching TV programs with no eternal value.

Yet many Christians give GOD barely two hours a week.

WE ALL need to evaluate our time management.

/[2Ti 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/15/s_1127015) Be **diligent** (*spoudazō*) to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling** (*orthotomeō*) the word of truth.

To operate in serious preparation, to study and handle precisely the business in front of you. To slice through and dissect through further examination, to be skillful in handling something.\

SPUD-UZ-OH, this means to truly labor, to bring forth a serious effort. The root word speaks to operating a business in a very orderly fashion. It refers to deep thought and serious effort.

OR-THOT-AH-MAYO, is in the present tense meaning this is always the way to do this – the active voice, points to the position of pastor-teacher (Tiomthy) being responsible for the action of the verb.

It means to become skillful to rightly divide and handle the truth.

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That phrase, which is really one word, meaning to rightly divide the word – *accurately handling* - is found only once in the NT Greek.

The depth of the meaning is incredible and it hinges on what opens the door way to either solid doctrinal teaching or counterfeit doctrines.

/The responsibility falls upon the pastor-teacher first. Yet once he does the work in proper fashion (studying with diligence and delivering the message), the responsibility now shifts to the Believer. Your growth is ultimately in your own hands, your own responsibility. Yet the messages you subject yourself to, will become either great fertilizer in the soil of your soul. Or a toxic agent infecting your soul.\

Some of the worse poisons seem harmless at first. Often times they are ingested in small amounts, hidden in delicious outer packages.

[2Ti 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/16/s_1127016) But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,

True spirituality which leads to a godly life, is only found in the consistency of the two power options in a Christan’s life.

The present tense tells us to keep avoiding the nonsense of the cosmic system.

Do not become a teacher (Timothy), who gets behind the pulpit and speaks the popular message of the day - do not teach the fluff and silliness most others will teach.

/[2Ti 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/17/s_1127017) and **their talk will spread like gangrene**. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

This gangrene is a cancer which spreads, both of these men splintered off from Timothy. They began teaching Gnostic type messages and arguments against the Rapture before the Tribulation.\

This was at a time Timothy was just getting his footing teaching at Ephesus and the Gnostics had tickled the ears of many people throughout the land.

Hymenaeus and Alexander the blacksmith, were mentioned as enemies of the Apostle Paul in 1Timothy chapter one.

Philetus was basically a follower under Hymenaeus.

Be careful who you trust for your spiritual growth – again, ultimately it will be your own responsibility.

Your divine good will be a result of what you truly believe and apply in your life.

/[2Ti 2:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/18/s_1127018) *men* who have gone astray from the truth, **claiming that the resurrection has already taken place**; and they are jeopardizing the faith of some.

Two false teachings that date back to this period – is the Rapture already happened as well as the Tribulation. Or that the Rapture occurs after a Tribulation period.\

This is also evidence that the doctrine of dispensations and the Rapture itself have been taught right from the original lessons of Jesus Christ, handed down to the apostles.

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One misconception of this resurrection they spoke of was when Christ cried out on the cross and gave HIMSELF up for death, the veil in the temple was ripped.

At that moment some recently dead Believers were resuscitated from the tomb - seen in Matthew 27:52-53.

This is by no means a resurrection.

The resurrection they were trying to teach about was the Rapture having already taken place – that was not a resurrection and certainly not a rapture of the whole church.

The Church age had not truly begun!

As I have told you many times before the Gnostics were a real thorn in the side of the apostles, especially the Apostle Paul.

So much so, they successfully began religious movements and denominational dogma by the 2nd century. They attacked the doctrines of resurrection, dispensations and the Rapture.

2Tim 2:19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His;” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to keep away from wickedness.”

The ancient world used the word or term – *to be sealed*, as a serious legal or royal standard.

It usual referenced a proclamation or law that can never be taken back.

[2Ti 2:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/20/s_1127020) Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver implements, but also *implements* of wood and of earthenware, and some *are* for honor while others *are* for dishonor.

All under the same roof – ALL Believers, yet we see winners and loser in the heavenly realm.

The wood and earthenware were only used for common use, while for special events or reference to royalty was gold and silver. No equality…every Bel does not get a trophy in the plan of GOD.

/[2Ti 2:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/21/s_1127021) Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things,* he will be an implement for honor, sanctified, **useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.**

This speaks to Bels who have sin and who have been backsliding – they must wash themselves clean and turn back to become useful. Only prepared (mature) Bels will be useful for GOOD WORK.\

[2Ti 2:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2ti/2/22/s_1127022) Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love, *and* peace with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Let us close this doctrine of GOOD WORKS – meaning DIVINE WORK out with these following principles;

/Human good is the production of evil. It began in the garden right after the Fall with ‘*operation fig leaf’*. Evil was born in the heart of Satan, human good is born from satanic thinking. Human good is the production of the Unbel as well as the negative or apostate Bel. Moral good, can be produced by both Believer and Unbeliever. Moral Good is extremely deceptive, it is the execution of rules or laws of divine establishment, it is done under the power of flesh not SPIRIT.\

Divine Good is executed by proper application of BD by a Believer filled by God the HS and motivated by the godly, virtue love for all mankind.

/ Divine Good is produced from the balance of BD deep within the soul structure and proper guidance from God the HS by a Bel who is moving toward higher levels of maturity. The mature Believer has maximum production of divine good because of motivation from the right source – GOD’s calling upon their life. A mature Bel does not concern themselves with opinions, human viewpoint and the details of life. They live in (Agape’) Godly Love and focus on relationship with Christ not people.\

The immature Bel sporadically brings forth Fruit of the Spirit which means, divine good is at a minimum.

  There are four sources of divine good.

/1. The filling power of God the Holy Spirit related to Bible doctrine retained and anchored by faith in the soul.

 2. Bible doctrine in the soul through the persistent function of GAP (grace apparatus for perception) increases production, this means the Bel is more often led by the Spirit than the flesh.\

/3. Reaching levels of spiritual maturity, the mature Believer filled with the Holy Spirit can consistently produce divine good more so than deeds of the flesh.

4. In the highest status- super-grace maturity, the Believer produces divine good under testing or adversity. As well as during undeserved suffering, or maximum pressure from Satan.\

/Divine good is the production of the royal priesthood;

Heb 13:15 **Through Him then, let’s continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God**, that is, the fruit of lips praising His name. 16 And **do not neglect doing good**and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.\

/Reaching upward, toward maturity and displaying DIVINE GOOD is our calling, for all Believers;

Eph 2:10 For **we are His workmanship**, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.\

/The production of divine good is a lethal weapon directed at Satan in the angelic conflict;

Rom 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.\

/The production of divine good is related to future and present status of the Believer;

2Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad. (2Tim 2:21) \

/Divine good is both verbal and mental, the mature Bel has consistent thoughts and prayers, along with work that can become accredited as DIVINE GOOD.

2Thes 2:16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and **good hope by grace**, 17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in **every good work and word.**\

That closes out 2Thessalonians chapter two RF!