**Be a worker unashamed (2 Tim. 2:14-26)**

Certified and approved?

Paul’s biggest concern

“The trap of the devil” (v.26)

*The criteria for an approved worker*

**1. Be a worker unashamed to correctly handle the word of truth (v.14-19)**

A worker

His main tool

His main work

Why tempted not to utilize this tool?

Right and wrong ways of handling

Why necessary to correctly handle?

A specific example: v.18

“Over-realised eschatology”

Reassurance of verse 19 (rf. Numbers 16:5, 26)

**2. Be a worker unashamed to become a vessel fit for use (v.20-26)**

Two kinds of articles/vessels

“Cleansing”

Not just purity of doctrine, but purity of deeds

A faithful and loving peacemaker

Flee!

Pursue!

Don’t be quarrelsome, but kind and gentle

Don’t avoid conflict, but be able to teach & instruct