

**THE CALL TO GO FURTHER**  
*TAKING A FRESH LOOK AT OUR YEARS AHEAD*  
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**SUCCESS IS BEING DEVOTED TO PURSUING WISDOM FROM  
GOD’S ETERNAL WORD.**

- There are some churches where people are not challenged to study God’s Word. Not here.
- There are some churches where people are just told what to believe. Not here.
- There are some churches where *syncretism* (the blending of God’s Truth with the culture’s myths) is tolerated. Not here.

**WE’RE NOT BETTER, BUT DIFFERENT.**

**Ministry Accuracy** is the study, application, and DISPENSING TRUTH to people, and the purposeful intention of raising up younger generations in the church to live out effective lives for the Living God.

**Ministry Malpractice** is NOT EQUIPPING people and feeding people a healthy meal from God’s Word.

**2 Timothy 2.15**

*Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive His approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the Word of Truth.*

*“We need to stop looking at the Bible as a book to merely fill up on facts and figures, but rather as a library filled with wisdom to navigate life with accuracy because God wrote it...**The Word of Truth.**” Dr. Larry Lamb*

## **Ezra 7.10** (Good News Translation)

*Ezra had devoted his life to studying the Law of the Lord, to practicing it, and to teaching all its laws and regulations to the people of Israel.*

We see at least two instructions from Paul to Timothy and for every student of Scripture (2 Timothy 2.15) :

### **1) Study truth, internalize truth, and teach truth.**

*Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive His approval.*

### **2) Work well to influence well.**

*Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the Word of Truth.*

> “Correctly Explains” = Put Truth into practice.

> Biblical accuracy matters every day.

All of us get one life to live. What are you going to do with your one and only life?

- Invest your life in God’s revealed Truth. **(study)**
- Internalize Truth with repetitive action. **(practice)**
- Initiate the transference of Truth to others. **(teach)**

### *Pray a Prayer of Submission*

*Father, I submit my life to You. Dissolve my will and align me with Your will and eternal purpose. Give me courage to invest in my life so that I may invest in others from Your Truth that resides in my life. I don’t know all that You have for me, but I will trust Your heart. Lead me and I will follow.*

## **SALVATION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am a sinner. I know the penalty of my sin is physical, spiritual, and eternal death. I acknowledge that I can't do anything about my situation. But I know You came to pay the penalty for my sin. I trust in You alone as the One who died in my place. I repent of my sin and trust in You alone as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with the Living God. I desire to be Your child. I desire to live as Your child. In Your Name. Amen.