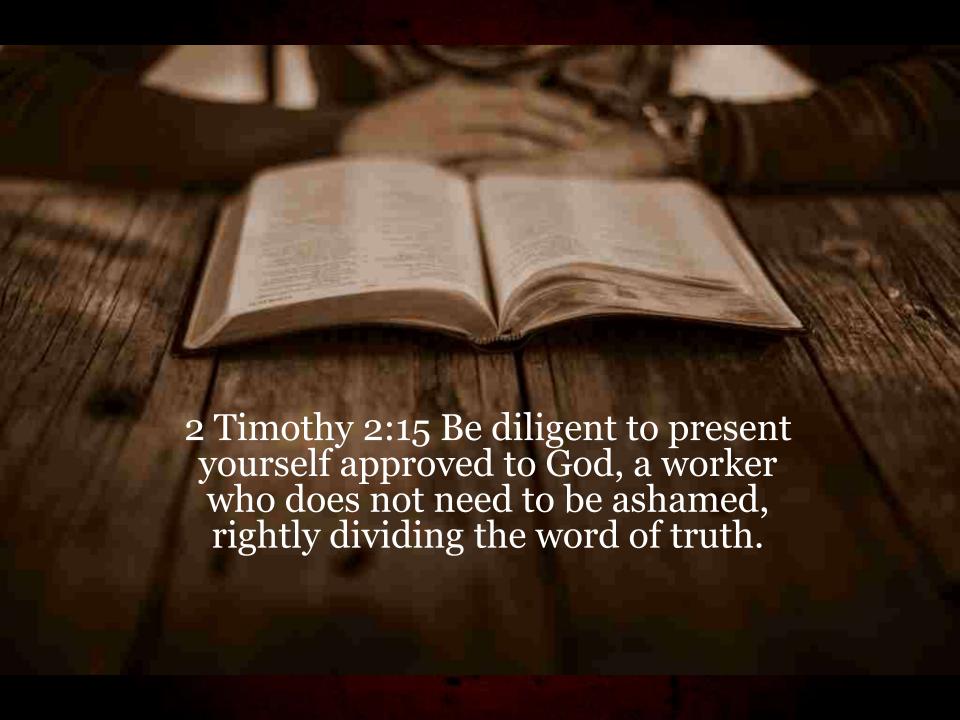
Strengthening the Church



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Essentials for Strengthening the Church..



Authority of God's Word...

- Begins with Christ (Matt 28:18)...
 - "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.."
- Delegated to Apostles (Matt 28:19; Acts 2:42)
 - Jude 17 But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ..
- Based on Will of God (Matt 7:21-23)
 - Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord,' Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Attitude toward God...

- Humble submission to God (James 4:6-10)
 - Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.
- Loving obedience (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3)
 - "If you love Me, keep My commandments"...
- Respect or reverence (John 4:24; Heb 12:28)
 - Hebrews 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Respond with Action..

- Doing what God says (Rom 10:17)
 - Luke 11:28 But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"
- Attitude of obedience (James 1:22-25)
 - James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- Calling Him "Lord" (Luke 6:46)
 - Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

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