

WHO GAINS IF I STUDY?

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read the text: 2 Tim. 2:14-18.

B. Regarding the text:

1. Study to show yourself approved. Sound familiar?
 - 1) Did you study for your school tests?
 - 2) In our lives, we spend a good deal of time studying things. We recognize the benefit of study. It takes some effort!
2. In study, who benefits? Who gains from our study? Sometimes, we just need to realize when I learn I can do the Lord's will.

DISCUSSION: TODAY WE OBSERVE THAT WHEN I STUDY...

I. I GAIN.

- A. Because I am obeying God (2 Tim. 2:15; Neh. 8:8).**
- B. I will not be lost through ignorance (Hosea 4:6; Romans 10:3).**
- C. I will be able to remain faithful (Ephesians 4:11-14; Psalm 119:157).**
- D. I will be able to be a mature Christian (1 Pet. 2:1-2; Heb. 5:12)**

II. OTHERS GAIN.

- A. You cannot teach what you do not know!**
 1. And we are to teach others (2 Tim. 2:2; Mark 16:15).
 2. **Ezra 7:10.**
- B. We are to be godly examples (1 Tim. 4:12).**
- C. We are to emulate Christ (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 1:21; 2:5).**
- D. Having studied, I will have the ability to be the proper example before others and I can then teach the proper message that will help others go to Heaven (1 Tim. 4:13-16).**

III. GOD GAINS.

- A. If I go to Heaven, God rejoices! The soul that He gave will return to Him who gave it (Eccl. 12:7).**
- B. If I can help others go to Heaven, God's plan will bring rejoicing (Luke 15:7, 10)!**
- C. Ultimately, the goal is the defeat the Devil (1 Cor. 15:24).**
- D. With study, we have the tools to triumph. In ignorance, we will be led astray and into the hands of the Devil.**
 1. Who gains if I study?
 2. Everyone that matters.
 - 1) **Psa. 1:1-2.**
 - 2) **Psa. 119:97.**
 - 3) **Prov. 2:1-5.**
 - 4) **Acts 17:11.**

IV. CONCLUSION.

- A. We must study to understand God's will for us.**
- B. We must not depend on what others tell us (Acts 17:11).**