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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15

Tools of the Trade

Boys and girls, have you ever thought about what sort of job you would like to do when you grow up? Most of the jobs people do nowadays involve tools. Bakers need to have bowls, scales and trays to make cakes and buns. Car mechanics need spanners and ratchets to repair engines. Barbers need a comb, scissors and razors to cut hair. There is, however, one job that involves a wide variety of different tools, and that is the work done by ministers. Now, unlike other trades, they don't have a toolbox as such, because all their tools are found in one place - the Bible. The Bible has all the tools they need to do their job properly.

The Bible is a SWORD. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit. . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). The minister uses the Bible to get beyond the exterior. As a sword, the Bible cuts deep into the hearts of those presented with its truth. Some will surrender to that sword, while others will resist, even though they are pierced through by the gospel message.

The Bible is a HAMMER. "*Is* not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29). Some men are unfaithful in their preaching and, with the hammer of God's Word, they beat all around the truth, rather than hitting the nail on the head. However, if handled correctly, the Bible has a way of driving home the truth of the gospel message as nothing else can do. Every word is a hammer blow which can smash open the hardest of sinful hearts.

The Bible is a LIGHT. "Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). In a world full of sin and darkness, it is always good to have the comfort of the light of God's Word. The Psalms also say that the entrance of God's Word giveth light, and it is that light which provides hope, cheer and guidance to all who are presented with it.

These are just some of the many tools found in the Bible. Those of us who are saved ought to be good workmen for the Lord as we handle God's Word, using the tools therein to share the message of salvation with those perishing in their sin. ■

QUIZ

There are many jobs and various tools found throughout the Bible. Complete the wordsearch down below. Using the letters that remain, rearrange them to tell me what other work the Apostle Paul did.

SHEPHERD	OVEN	PHYSICIAN	STAFF
PLOUGH	NET	BOW	AXE
NEEDLE	FARMER	FISHERMAN	CHARIOT
POTTER	CENTURION	ROD	TRUMPET

O	V	E	N	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D
C	E	N	T	U	R	I	O	N	E	F	N
P	O	T	T	E	R	T	A	X	E	A	E
T	F	I	S	H	E	R	M	A	N	R	E
P	L	O	U	G	H	R	O	D	E	M	D
B	O	W	T	R	U	M	P	E	T	E	L
P	H	Y	S	I	C	I	A	N	N	R	E
C	H	A	R	I	O	T	S	T	A	F	F

ANSWER:

PAUL WAS A [ ][ ][ ][ ] **MAKER**

(If you need a clue, then read Acts 18.)

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