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Dear Sisters and Friends,

It has been a few months since I last wrote you. I hoped that skipping July would give everyone the opportunity to complete my challenge to submit favorite scriptures to the website. Unfortunately, we fell short of the 500 responses I was seeking, but I really enjoyed the ones received and hope that it caused many of you to think about the scriptures that have touched your heart. It did bring about another thought in my mind on which I feel we should focus.

In II Timothy 2:15 the Lord tells us, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." While thinking about this scripture I thought about everything I have learned in the Ladies' Circle classes I have attended since I was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ in 1977. It is sometimes hard for me to believe that I have been a member of the Church now for 30 years. It is even harder for me to imagine a life without Christ and the Saints of God. Even though I was raised in the Church, understanding of God's plan for me did not exist prior to my baptism and the beginning of my knowledge of the scriptures and their impact on my life.

I am aware of how hectic our lives are and that many times we have a desire to study the scripture and become those workmen mentioned in II Timothy, however, the days seem shorter and time flies by. Many times we plan to read and study, but the everyday chores and circumstances of life overtake us and thwart our plans. Plan study time into your schedule. I am a avid list maker. If it makes my list, it has to be accomplished. I suggest that you add study to your list. I guarantee that one of the bonuses will be that God will bless your effort and create the time for you.

Love,
Sis. Karen