

**LEADERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
**2 Timothy 2:15-16**

Barna Research Group:

- 1 out of 4 church members never pray or read the Bible
- 2 out of 3 church members never give to missions
- 3 out of 4 members never assume any responsibilities in the church
- 95% of church members never win anyone to Christ

**FOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW TO BE A LEADER:**

**First, You Must** \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 15a, “Do your best to present yourself to God...”

- Are you giving God your very best effort? Are you purposely setting aside time for God?
- “...offer you bodies as living sacrifices...” – Romans 12:1

**Second, You Must** \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 15b, “...as one approved...”

- Have you been doing your homework?
- “Ezra... was a teacher well versed in the Lord... the hand of the Lord his God was on him.” - Ezra 7:6

**Third, You Must** \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 15c, “...a workman who does not need to be ashamed...”

- We can’t sit around and expect a lost world to just come to us.
- “For we are God’s fellow workers.” – 1 Corinthians 3:9
- If Christ asked you today, “What are you currently doing to advance the Kingdom?” Would you be ashamed of your answer?

**Fourth, You Must** \_\_\_\_\_

Verse 16, “Avoid godless chatter...”

- Our job is to lift our brothers and sisters up, not put them down!
- Life is a mixture of hits and errors and there is grace in that.

**ARE YOU STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION?**  
**OR HAVE YOU BECOME IDLE?**