

HOW TO LAY ON

“Let a man have one of these blades, with a hand to wield it, and skill to use it, and he may venture upon an Angel with it. He need not fear its holding, if he can but tell how to lay on. Its edges will never blunt. It will cut flesh, and bones, and soul, and spirit and all.”

(Pilgrims Progress: Mr Valiant-For-Truth)

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

Expectantly...

Courageously...

2 Timothy 4:1-4

Glorifying God...

2 Corinthians 4:15

Luke 2:14

Imprinted and imprinting...

Titus 2:7

Respectfully...

Noting the genre...

Studying the context...

Letting the words mean what they mean...

Letting the shocks and surprises shock and surprise...

Taking account of tone, repetitions and emphasis...

Asking questions...

Struggling to discern the theme...

Using the interpretation given...

Rolling up your sleeves...

2 Timothy 2:7

Job 28:1-11

Two worked examples...

Mark 8:22-26

Jeremiah 29:7