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Do your best to win God's approval as a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed and who teaches only the true message.

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The MESSAGE

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