

A person in a dark jacket and shorts stands on dark, wet rocks at the edge of a beach, looking out at the ocean during a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange glow and a long, shimmering reflection on the water. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the setting sun. The overall mood is contemplative and serene. A diagonal white line runs from the top left towards the center, separating the dark foreground from the bright sunset.

# The Gift.

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A vibrant nebula with green, orange, and blue hues, set against a dark background with a diagonal split. The nebula is the background of the slide, with a diagonal line running from the top-left to the bottom-right. The left side is dark, and the right side is filled with the colorful nebula.


## 2 Timothy 2:14-17

14 Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. 15 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.



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16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene.



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