those sacred books.

Now Timothy, I have no doubt whatever, was met by people who said to him,
"You are R̶a̶i̶l̶l̶x̶x̶ called an excellent man." We haven't x̶x̶a̶i̶n̶x̶t̶x̶ a word against
Paul. He is a charming man and no doubt whatever he has done a very excellent
piece of work. I hope you don't think that I'm despising Paul or anything of that
sort. I have the greatest regard for him. Nevertheless, he is in prison. Now
if he had been a little bit more tactful, a little bit more resourceful, if he
had not be en such a vertigate man, he would have been very successful and
Archbishop of Rome." If I might dare to suggest such a thing in a Presbyterian
Seminary.

And Timothy was tempted as we all are tempted to say, "Well, there is something
in that." So Paul said, "Don't be ashamed of me, his servant." He gives one
of the best reasons that any man could possibly give. "You know what happened to
me. Neverthe less I am not ashamed, and if I'm not ashamed, there is no reason
why you should be ashamed." So as you take that point of view, any message
that is directed to Timothy becomes full of tremendous significance.

Now let us look more closely at this particular message. "Study to show
thyself approved unto God. a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly
dividing the Word of truth." Now the word for "study" what we have here, I
think might be rendered without violence to the Greek , "take pains". Aristotle
has a great deal to say about "ὁ ṵdais", the "diligent man". Now that is a
temptation that besets me. Here we are cooped up in a seminary, and the world
outside is prejudiced and the wretched people that are incharge of affairs insist
upon our burying ourselves in palaganism and sebalism and monotheism and monoticism.
They insist upon our s̶e̶t̶t̶i̶n̶g̶x̶u̶p̶o̶n̶ asking what was the particular point at which
Aquinus went off the 1-132 . How are to deal with the medieval situation
and what about the Pope at Rome? All the time the world is dieing. People are
passing into a lost eternity. Let me get out and save the world!

So I am going to be very patient, but I am going to be very direct. If