

Series "Ministry For Difficult Times"
"A God Approved Worker"
2 Timothy 2:14-19
Study-5

2 Tim 2 – A Charge To Suffer For The Gospel

2 Timothy 2:1-7 – "The Courageous Christian"

2 Timothy 2:8-13 – "Motivation For Suffering"

Positive – 2 Timothy 2:2

Paul Now Turns To The Negative – That Of False Teaching; Negative – 2 Timothy 2:14

Acts 20:28-30

The Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Worker Avoids Useless Discussions, Walks In The Truth, Shuns False Teaching, And Is A Stable Foundation"

1. Verse 14 – God's Worker Must Avoid Useless Discussions

2. Verse 15 – God's Worker Must Walk In The Truth

3. Verses 16-18 – God's Worker Must Avoid False Teaching

4. Verse 19 – God's Worker Dwells On A Firm Foundation

1. Verse 14 – God's Worker Must Avoid Useless Discussions:

2 Tim 2:14

"Remind them" – "keep reminding them", 2 Timothy 2:2

1 Timothy 5:21

1 Tim 6:13

2 Timothy 4:1

2 Corinthians 5:10

1 Timothy 6:4

"disputes" – "word fights, word battles, hair-splittings, godless chatter, empty talk"

"which is useless," – "of no service, no value"

False Teaching Ruins The Hearers: "and leads to the ruin of the hearers."
– The word ruin – we get our English ("catastrophe"); "overturn, demolition, overthrow, subverting"; Same word in 2 Peter 2:6

False Teaching Has Catastrophic Results! Brings confusion, doubt, discouragement and disobedience.

2. Verse 15 – God's Worker Must Walk In The Truth:

2 Tim 2:15

"Be diligent to present yourself" – (KJV) "Study to shew thyself"; "to be zealous, make every effort, be persistent"

"present yourself" – Literally "to stand along-side of before God in presenting oneself for inspection, as it were, in order to be approved by Him."

1 Timothy 5:17

"approved to God" – "as tested"; "coins that were tested for purity of metal and adequate weight that are only accepted after such a test."

Galatians 1:10

1 Thessalonians 2:4

"as a workman" – "a laborer, a toiler"; "Servant Of The Word"

"who does not need to be ashamed," – "not forced to be ashamed, a workman who has no cause for shame when his work is being inspected"

Philippians 3:18-19

Mark Of A Faithful Teacher/Preacher: "accurately handling the word of truth." (KJV "Rightly dividing") Greek word Orthos, we get Orthopedic and Orthodoxy. It means "cutting straight".

Acts 13:8-10

Ephesians 1:13

John 17:17

"Now all Scripture is for me, but all Scripture is not about me"

Romans 15:4

3. Verses 16-18 – God’s Worker Must Avoid False Teaching:

2 Tim 2:16

“But avoid” – “to shun, to turn away from”

False Teaching Is Unholy: “worldly and empty chatter,” – 1 Tim 1:4; 4:7; 6:4, 20; “unholy, useless disputes about fictitious genealogical histories”

False Teaching Leads To Ungodliness: “for it will lead to further ungodliness,” – Literally “advance into more and more ungodliness”

Note That Words Became Substitutes For Deeds!

Titus 3:9-11

2 Tim 2:17

False Teaching Rapidly Spreads: “and their talk will spread” – Jude 1:23

1 John 4:5

False Teaching Is Spiritually Toxic: “like gangrene.” – “to gnaw, eat “

1 Timothy 1:20

2 Tim 2:18

Missing The Mark: “men who have gone astray” – Paul says there were others, “of a kind who missed”

“astray” – “to swerve, to deviate from, to miss”; It was a term used in archery regarding “an archer that misses the target; the arrow had gone astray.”

The Target Is The Truth: “from the truth”

Substituting Empty Talk For Doctrine: “saying that the resurrection has already taken place,” – Romans 6:4-5

Acts 17:32

1 Corinthians 15:12

1 Cor 15:12-20

False Teaching Overthrows The Faith Of Some: “and thus they upset the faith of some.” – The word upset – “to overturn, or overthrow”

4. Verse 19 – God’s Worker Dwells On A Firm Foundation:

2 Tim 2:19

1 Timothy 3:15

1 John 2:19

Matthew 16:18

God’s Divine Seal – God Knows Who Belongs To Him: “The Lord knows those who are His,” Numbers 16:5

God’s Divine Seal – Proven Through Holiness That We Belong To God: Numbers 16:26a

Numbers 16:32-33

Philippians 1:6

Application:

1. False Teaching Has Catastrophic Results, Producing Confusion, Doubt, Discouragement and Disobedience.
2. In The Final Analysis, It’s Not What Others Think Or Even What One Feels Regarding Our Service, But That We Have God’s Approval.
3. False Doctrine Spreads Quickly, It Substitutes Empty Talk For Doctrine, Or Words Become Substitutes For Deeds.
4. Only Those Who Have Built Upon God’s Foundation Are Truly Secure.