

I. Two Groups - 2 Timothy 2:14-19

1. Remind them (**verse 14**)

Rea -sometimes God's people don't need to learn anything new, but be reminded of what they already know

2. These things - the fundamentals of our faith

A. One of the things is quarreling about words

B. The results:

1) no value

2) only ruins those who listen

Rea C. All quarrels or just these?

-most don't feel they are "ruined" by listening to quarrels - maybe we should

3. Be diligent to study scripture (**verses 15-18**)

Rea -labor, work

-“worker”

A. With the result that you will not be ashamed

Rea B. Not ashamed when and how?

Rea C. To correctly handle the truth, implies that you may incorrectly handle the truth

D. Avoid godless chatter - profane

Rea -characterizes their teaching as “chatter”

E. It spreads like gangrene - infection

F. Indicts Hymenaeus and Philetus - their teaching

G. They had departed from the truth

Rea -how have they departed?

-they teach that the resurrection is past - for believers who die

H. The result is that they destroy the faith of some

4. Nevertheless - God's foundation stand solid (**verse 19**)

-firm

A. An inscription - the Lord knows them who are His

B. So God's foundation bears this inscription

Rea C. The idea being there are some who are godless, and some who are standing firm - and God knows the difference

Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Discuss the mixture of “teachings” in today's church

-discuss various ideas about the resurrection today

2. The answer is more important than the question - the answer... study the scripture so you will be able to give an answer and will not be found “ashamed”

3. Ideas carry weight

-they lead some astray with godless “chatter”

-they foster “quarrels”

4. Sometimes false doctrine is as much about control in the church, as it is about the wrong ideas - many men (and women) want a little “following”

5. I've heard repeatedly some say “well, I have my own ideas about that” - we are not to follow our own ideas, but the clear teaching of scripture

II. Two Vessels - 2 Timothy 2:20-22

1. "Articles" in a house (**verses 20-21**)
 - A. Some of gold and silver
 - B. Some of wood and clay
 - Rea C. So the illustration is common vessels around the house
 - D. Some are used for common things, some are "special"
 - Rea E. Many have their "special china" vs everyday china
 2. His idea is to purify yourselves
 - Rea A. The question arises is Paul talking about getting rid of people like these two troublemakers, or is he talking about purifying ourselves internally?
 - I understand this to mean purify ourselves internally
 - in verse 21 he speaks to Timothy about living a holy life, so that he may be the best instrument possible
 - B. The purified instrument is "made holy"
 - it is also "made useful"
 - Rea -dirty dishes are not "ready" to be used
 - C. It is "prepared" for any good work
 - Rea -the cleaner the vessel the more useful the vessel
 - D. Therefore: (**verse 22**)
 - 1) flee youthful lusts - "flee" makes this urgent
 - Rea -this would be the opposite of toying with these things
 - 2) pursue righteousness
 - Rea -two active words - "flee" and "pursue"
 - Rea -do you "have" Christianity or do you "pursue" it?
 - pursue faith - not just to be saved - but the faith-life
 - pursue love and peace
 - Rea -many have these, but they certainly don't "pursue" them
 - Rea -pursue these, along with others who are doing the same thing
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Encouragement to be diligent, not just have name on the church role, or just be saved
 - church, and the faith-life for many is just an add on to the rest of their life
 - for others the faith-life is a sweet little habit, not something we actively "pursue"
 2. Is your life "ready" to be used?
 - how (based on this text) do you make your life ready?
 3. "Desires of youth" - remember Timothy was a young man and Paul the older

III. Two Approaches - 2 Timothy 2:23-26

1. Avoid useless quarrels - "foolish and stupid arguments" (**verses 23-25**)
 - they only produce quarrels ... and the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome
2. Don't be quarrelsome, instead be:
 - A. Kind to everyone
 - B. Ready to teach - instruct as in verse 25
 - C. Not resentful
 - D. Gently instruct
 - E. The goal is that they repent

- Rea 3. Note that repentance comes first before the knowledge of the truth
-repentance is left out (commonly) of our thinking
4. Another result is that they come to their senses and escape the devil (**verse 26**)
-he has taken them captive
- Rea -do you think these “captives” are saved or lost?
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Discuss the manner that Timothy is to instruct these wayward folk
 2. A quarreling church is a carnal church - discuss
 3. Today’s church, we just hope these folk will leave the church - Timothy was to work with them to bring them around
 4. Verse 24 tells us how (the attitude with which) the Lord’s “servant” is to conduct himself - so the heart with which Timothy carried out his “servanthood” is key
 5. This sounds as if he were to one-on-one instruct them, not just blast away at them from the pulpit

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