

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Begin your Bible study with prayer, confessing any sins you know of, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your study.

Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26

1. What was Timothy to charge others to do; why? v. 14
2. What was Timothy to be diligent about? What does it mean to accurately handle the word of truth?
Vs. 15
3. What did Paul instruct Timothy to avoid? Why was this so important? vs. 16
4. In verse 17-18, Paul mentions two men by name. What were they doing wrong? Look back at 1 Tim 1:20, who has Paul mentioned before and what do you learn about him?

Insight: Hymenaeus means "singing man" and Philetus means "friendly man." These names may well suggest the characters of these two blasphemers. It is often true that those who most effectively undermine God's Word are men who outwardly seem to be very smooth and charming. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 says, "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds."

5. In verse 19 Paul shares what is every Christian's responsibility; put this in your own words. Take some time to evaluate yourself. (*Psalm 139:23,24 says, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way."*)

6. What is the meaning of the figurative language in verses 20-21? What does it mean to be a vessel of honor?

7. In verse 22, what does Paul urge Timothy to flee? What is he to pursue and why?

8. In verses 24-26, Paul describes the qualities of the Lord's bond-servant. What are they and what is their purpose?

Application: In verse 22 Paul tells us to flee from sin but also pursue righteousness. After praying for conviction and insight, how can you, practically speaking, pursue righteousness this week with your words, actions and attitudes?

End your study by thanking the Lord for what you have learned this week, ask Him to help you apply the truths you have learned.

For further study: In verse 22, Paul uses the term "pure heart". Use the resources you have on hand (dictionary, Bible dictionary, concordance, other Bible translations, etc.) to discover what Paul means by a pure heart.