

HOW TO DEAL WITH FALSE TEACHERS

(II Timothy 2:14-26)

There seemed to be those false teachers among the Churches of which Timothy was overseeing that were striving about words of no profit, which were to the subverting (weakening) of the hearers. Evidently, these were arguing against true doctrine. For this reason, Paul instructs Timothy to study the Scriptures which will give him the approval of God, and he will not be ashamed because he will know the Word and not be fooled by these ungodly men (II Timothy 2:14,15).

Paul advised Timothy to avoid these useless theories that do not honor God (II Timothy 2:16,17).

1. (a) Name 2 of these men who Paul says, their words will eat as does a canker (gangrene or cancer)? (II Timothy 2:17) _____

(b) What were these men saying, who have erred concerning the truth? (II Timothy 2:18) _____

(c) What would be the evil results of this lie? (same verse) _____

Paul quickly comes back with these words:
Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from

SECOND STUDY

PAUL ADMONISHES TIMOTHY

BE A GOOD SOLDIER/ENDURE HARSHIP (II Timothy 2:1-13)

In Chapter 2 of II Timothy, Paul moves from speaking the blessings of mercy in the day of the Lord, on the house of Onesiphorus (for his care of himself; and also he reminds Timothy of how Onesiphorus ministered many things to him in Ephesus [II Timothy 1:16-18]), to more exhortations upon Timothy on constancy and perseverance.

1. In your own words, What is Paul instructing Timothy to do in II Timothy 2:2? _____

2. (a) What does Paul tell Timothy to achieve, in II Timothy 2:3? _____

(b) Where Paul says, *No man that warreth*, in II Timothy 2:4, is he talking about spiritual warfare against evil spirits? (see II Corinthians 10:4; I Timothy 1:18; Ephesians 6:10-12) _____

And if a man strive for masteries. II Timothy 2:5. If an athlete strives to be the best in his field, he has to give-it-all-he's-got. He has to train to win;

be self controlled; exercise self-restraint. So run to win, and do it lawfully. An athlete who refuses to play by the rules, will never get anywhere (see I Corinthians 9:24,25).

The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits. II Timothy 2:6. The Pulpit Commentary explains it this way: Let not Timothy think to shirk labour and yet enjoy it's fruit. But the Beacon Bible Commentary interprets it as: If the hard working farmer hopes for a crop, the farmer must expend his labor, preparing the soil, sowing the seed, guarding against drought and blight, until at last he enjoys the fruit of his labor.

For Timothy to be a strong minister faithfulness and hard work is expected. So Paul is directing him toward three objectives to be: (1) as a good soldier, (2) as an athlete, and (3) as a farmer.

Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead. II Timothy 2:8.

Here is the supreme example of devotion, and Timothy is urged to emulate (imitate) his blessed Master. **The seed of David** is an expression pointing to the real identity of Christ Jesus with our human race. The emphasis here is upon "the man Christ Jesus." But linked with the recognition of our Lord's humanity is the glorious fact of His Resurrection. ¹

Because of his stand for the Gospel of Jesus Christ (which Paul calls his Gospel), Paul suffered trouble as an evil doer; even to being put into prison (II Timothy 2:9).

3. (a) What does Paul say about the Word of God in II Timothy 2:9? _____

(b) What do you think he meant by, the Word of God is not bound? _____

4. (a) What reason does Paul give for his enduring all things in II Timothy 2:10? _____

(b) Who are the elect mentioned in II Timothy 2:10;? (See Isaiah 45:4) _____

5. What do you think the "*faithful saying*" mentioned in II Timothy 2:11-13 means? _____

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, Volume 9, p. 369