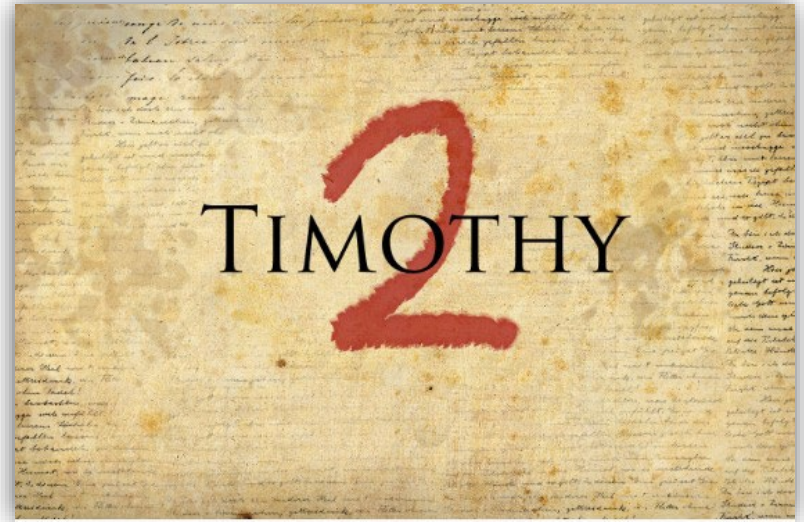


Personal Application and Conversations

1. What do you do to make people feel welcome in your home or at church?
2. We know that we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...belonging to God to declare His praises (1 Peter 2:9-10). Yet, we are also to “cleanse” ourselves in order to be useful instruments in the Master’s hands. What did God call to your attention as to how you can cleanse yourself to be such an instrument in God’s hands?
3. How might fleeing from the evil desires of youth apply to you and to your role in the body of Christ?
4. How do you react to quarreling and why is this something that spiritual leaders need to carefully avoid?
5. Paul tells Timothy to gently instruct those who oppose you. What does that look like in your own experience, either as one instructed or as the one being led to a knowledge of the truth and escaping from the trap of the devil (vs. 25-26)?



Correctly Handling the Word of Truth (Cont.)

2 Timothy 2:20-26

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With the realization of the sentence of death hanging over him, Paul's attention is focused on the challenges Timothy is facing. This pastoral epistle has been a wonderful resource for churches, their pastors, and elders. It's a primer for equipping spiritual leaders. We all need to ask ourselves; how do we handle the Word of God when others are spinning their philosophies in directions that are contrary to the will of God? This side of heaven, disrupters can confuse the body of Christ, and every leader must make sure he's "an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work" (2 Tim. 2:21). So, let's reboot our study in 2 Timothy 2, and ***make sure we are correctly handling the Word of truth.***

Cleanse yourself for noble purposes (v. 21)

Flee the evil desires of youth (v. 22a)

Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace (v. 22b)

- ***With those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart (v. 22c)***
- ***Avoid quarreling (vs. 14, 23)***
- ***Be kind and able to teach (v. 24)***
- ***Gently instruct those who oppose you (vs. 25-26)***