

# 2 Timothy

## CHAPTER 2:14-26

### Lesson 18

In this section, Paul reiterates the dangers of conversations and teachings contrary to God's *word of truth*. Although they can *overthrow the faith of some*, God's heart for those who *lead others astray* is repentance and restoration. As you study these verses, may you be diligent as to what you say and hear, yet also correct those who *are in opposition* with the *humility* God intends.

### Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

1. Read through this week's verses using at least two different Bible translations or paraphrases. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. The term of conclusion, *therefore*, is used in 2 Timothy 2:21. Record the conclusion and what it is based upon.
3. The contrasting word, *but*, is used five times in this section. Choose one instance of its use and record what is being contrasted.

5. This section of 2 Timothy 2 contains several instructions. List each one.

**Read 2 Timothy 2:14,15**

1. 2 Timothy 2:14 begins with the words, *Remind them of these things*. Paul had been reminding Timothy of essentials. Using 1 Corinthians 15:3,4, list the truths that Paul *delivered*.

a. Acts 13:29 records what seemed to be a hopeless moment in history – *Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb*. Record the glorious words that follow in verse 30.

2. What did Paul instruct Timothy to *charge* others to do?

a. Why can getting caught up in *words to no profit* lead to the *ruin of the hearers*?

1.) What did Paul write to Titus about this in Titus 3:9?

3. Paul called Timothy to be *diligent* in three things in 2 Timothy 2:15. What were they?
  - a. Define the word *diligent*.
  - b. Paul was concerned about those whose goal was the *approval* of people. How can this goal thwart the purposes of God?
  - c. Describe a *worker* in any line of work *who does not need to be ashamed*.
  - d. Consider the instruction to *rightly divide the word of truth*. What does 2 Peter 1:20 add to your understanding?
3. Summarize the person who adheres to the instructions of 2 Timothy 2:14,15.

### **Read 2 Timothy 2:16-19**

1. Paul continues to express his concerns in these verses. According to verses 16-18, what can be the results of *profane and idle babblings*?
  - a. *Profane and idle* may seem to refer to obviously destructive conversations. Yet, they are simply conversations that distract from the gospel. What are some examples of this?
    - 1.) How might these conversations not be helpful to a person's faith?

2. Paul specifically mentioned two men, Hymenaeus and Philetus, as examples of *straying from the truth*. What did they *say*?
  - a. How might an incorrect understanding of *the resurrection of the dead overthrow faith*?
  
3. 2 Timothy 2:19 begins with a word of contrast. Record the first phrase of this verse.
  - a. Although contrary teaching has destructive affects, the word of God will not be defeated. Its truths have prevailed through the ages. How does this comfort you?
  
4. *The Lord knows who are His*. What did Jesus declare in John 10:14?
  
5. *Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity*. What ability do those who *name the name of Christ* have to *depart from iniquity* that unbelievers do not have?
  - a. What truths do you apply when you are tempted to heed *iniquity*?
  
6. Notice that Hymenaeus and Philetus had *strayed concerning the truth*, indicating that they were once walking in it. How can that happen?

## Read 2 Timothy 2:20,21

1. The *great house* Paul refers to in verse 20 is an example of the church. What can we learn from this?
2. Note the admonition in verse 21. How can we *cleanse ourselves* from those who are of *wood and clay* (those not useful for the Lord)?
3. In what ways does *cleansing ourselves* from those who would cause us to go astray, *prepare us* for the *work* God has for us?

## Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26

1. Paul closes this chapter with several instructions. Next to each one, using your own words, describe what Paul is calling us to do.

*flee youthful lusts*

*pursue: righteousness*

*faith*

*love*

*peace*

- a. In what ways can we do this with *those who call upon the Lord with a pure heart*?

*avoid foolish and ignorant disputes*

*do not quarrel*

*be gentle to all*

*be patient*

