

Bethany Bible Study & Discussion



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Paul's call to action for Timothy

(chapter 1)

1. Stir up the gift (Holy Spirit, Spiritual gifts)
2. Don't be timid (Holy Spirit comes with Power, Love, Sound mind)
3. Don't be ashamed of the gospel
4. Don't be ashamed of prisoner Paul
5. Suffer for gospel
6. Hold on to sound doctrine
7. Guard what is given by Holy spirit

Chapter 2 (1-14)

Source of our strength: Is God's grace

Secret of continuity of church:

Pass it on (gospel & sound doctrine)

Lessons from **Solider | Athlete | Farmer**
• Hard work leads to Victory | Prize | Harvest

Paul's motivation for suffering: Others may be saved

3 Statements:

If we die with Him, we will also live with Him

If we suffer, we will also reign with Him

If we deny Him, He will also deny us

Profitable worker (14-15)

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Profitable worker (2:14-15)

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BRING TO MEMORY

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearer

What are 'these things'?

Teachings of Paul on true gospel and sound doctrine or, teachings of this chapter

Put 'these' things to remembrance

- We must only pass on what is 'profitable' to hearers
- False teachers often disagree on important doctrinal words.
 - It is the WORD of God that produces faith and salvation
 - **Romans 10:17**, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God

To whom must 'these things' be brought to remembrance

Timothy must pass on these things to 'false teachers'

What not to pass on?

14 ... charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearer

We should not pass on gossip, personal opinions, unnecessary debates, stories, false teachings

Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Church leaders should know what is profitable and what is unprofitable.

Churches should not be designed as an entertainment house with preaching of diluted Word of God to attract people.

Uncompromising worker

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Uncompromising worker

Meets God's approval (God judges our actions through the intent and purity of our heart)

- **II Corinthians 10:18** For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

Rightly interprets the truth of God's Word. Presentation of God's word should not lead to confusion or contradiction.

Will not be put to shame on the day of rewards

- **I Corinthians 3:13** Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

Unprofitable Words (16-19)

What is the danger of preaching loose words of unsound doctrine? How can we have a strong foundation? What is the sure promise of 'nevertheless ...'?

Loose words lead to losses (16-19)

¹⁶ But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

¹⁷ And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

¹⁸ Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

¹⁹ Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Dangers of unsound doctrine (16-18)

Dangers when the sound doctrine is substituted with loose words

- ❑ Holiness of believers is compromised
- ❑ Diluted messages lead to unholy lifestyles
- ❑ Church is weakened
- ❑ Lord's work is hindered
- ❑ False teaching flourishes like cancer
(Hymenaeus and Philetus falsely preached that resurrection has already happened)

Believer's responsibility: We need to read our Bible regularly to know the sound doctrine so that we can identify and avoid the dangers of false teachings.

Nevertheless

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¹⁹Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, ...

Nevertheless ... Despite opposition to truth and persecution of believers:

- Word of God is not bound (9)
- Foundation of God is strong and secure
- Those who build on that foundation are safe and sealed for eternity (**Mathew 7:25 ... and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.**)
- The Lord knows his children

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The Lord knows his children

Numbers 16:5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the Lord will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Nevertheless

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¹⁹... And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Those who know Lord, must depart from iniquity.

Holy Calling calls for a Holy life.

Isaiah 52:11 ... be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

Honorable Vessel (20-22)

What defines the value of a vessel? How can we become vessels of honor? What must we flee, follow, and avoid?

Metaphor: Vessels of honor and dishonor (20-21)

²⁰ But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

²¹ If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Great House

A Great house ... church of God

The headship of Christ makes it a great house

Colossians 1:18 He is the head of the body, the church

Church comprises

the Redeemed (born-again believers)

but not all are of the same quality

over time, some mature and some weaken

also false teachers & false believers have crept into
many churches.

Vessels of honor and dishonor

Vessels of honor

True believers (precious like silver and gold)

Like Paul and Timothy

Vessels of dishonor

Evil workers (of less value like clay and wood)

Like Hymenaeus and Philetus (17)

How to become a vessel of honor?

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How to become honorable vessels?

- Purge yourself of evil and unholiness (21)
- Flee from youthful lusts (22)
- Follow (22)
- Avoid (23)
- Surrender to the hands of the potter (Jeremiah 18:1-6)

Only honorable vessels can be used by the Master and prepared for good work.

Flee and Follow (22)

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

FLEE/RUN AWAY

Don't fight temptations / evil desires;

Run away like Joseph did (Genesis 39:12)

Flee from any sin & weight that hinders spiritual growth

FOLLOW/RUN TOWARDS

Righteousness (right relationship with people)

Faith ~ faithfulness

Love (towards God and man)

Peace (live in harmony, don't seek / stir conflicts)

- Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Fellowship with pure believers

Avoid

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

AVOID

Foolish, ignorant questions that contribute to strife
(also, I Timothy 6:4, Titus 3:9)

Some debates (apologetics) may be necessary
(depending on the context)

but

Our goal should be to win souls, and not win debates

I Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

The Treasure Inside us!

II Corinthians 4:7 But we have **this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the excellency of the power maybe of God, and not of us.

I Corinthians 6:19 ... do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** *who is in you*,

Value comes from what is inside the vessel!

Mathew 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto **whited sepulchres**, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

Servant of the Lord (24-26)

What are some desirable
qualities of Lord's servant?

Servant of the Lord (24-26)

²⁴ And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

²⁵ In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

²⁶ And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Desirable Qualities of Servant of the Lord (24-26)

Servant of the Lord

- Must not be contentious or generate conflicts
- Must be gentle
- Must be a teacher (of sound doctrine)
- Must be patient
- Must be humble (correct in love that will lead to repentance)

Also, I Timothy 3:1-7 (qualifications of elders)

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