

Approved Workers

2 Timothy 2:14-19

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. ¹⁶ But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, ¹⁷ and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. ¹⁹ But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

"Remind them of these things ..." (2 Tim. 2:11-13):

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

A Charge, A Challenge, and a Case Study:

1) Fruitless _____ (1 Tim. 6:4-5; Titus 3:10-11) are not _____.
Over time they prove to be _____.

If you are in _____, don't _____ it. If you are not, don't _____ in it.

Does this charge cover every kind of argument/debate?

What is worth debating/defending/arguing?

2) I serve the King _____ when I rightly handle _____.

We forget that the _____ is not just _____!

How does this change how I teach, debate, or argue?

Handling His Word well requires _____, _____, and _____.

3) Ungodly words from ungodly people _____,
_____, and bring _____.

Unlike Timothy, who was challenged to "_____", false teachers _____ from the truth.

We are always "_____". The question is which direction?

Why are false teachings and heresies so popular?

How should we address false teachers and teachings?

A case study – Numbers 16:

Truth is not a _____.

Truth (or lies) are not determined by the _____.

God _____ who are His.

Conclusion – What Our Words Reveal

God alone knows and judges the "_____" of men ...

We can know and judge the _____ of men ...

The _____ of men reveal something of the _____ of men ...