

HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO FALSE TEACHING & TEACHERS? (2 Timothy 2:14-21)

A. RESPOND WITH THE RIGHT *DISPOSITION*: DON'T BE QUARRELSOME (v. 14)

1. Responding correctly to false teaching and teachers involves, first of all, _____ how to walk _____ with the Lord by His _____. (vv. 1-13)

2. As believers, we are not to _____ (*logomachein*) with false teachers, meaning we are not to be _____ or _____ in manner.

* *What does this term mean?*

* *Does this mean we shouldn't be concerned about the words of Scripture?*

3. If we disregard this charge, the result will be spiritually _____ (*katastrophē*) for those who hear us.

B. RESPOND WITH DUE *DILIGENCE*: FAITHFULLY HANDLE GOD'S WORD (v. 15)

1. Responding properly to false teaching and teachers requires that we _____ (*spoudazō*) in our desire to yield ourselves as instruments of righteousness in service to Him. (Rom. 6:13)

* *What is the difference between God's acceptance and His approval? (2 Cor. 5:9; Col. 1:10; 1 Th. 2:4)*

2. This diligence to be a faithful believer approved by God in our response to false teaching and teachers necessitates _____ (*orthotomeō*) the word of God.

* *Does this involve work?*

* *What are some crucial distinctions in the Bible?*

C. RESPOND WITH NECESSARY *DEPARTURE*: SEPARATE FROM INIQUITY (vv. 16-21)

1. Responding biblically to false teaching and teachers also requires _____ from them.

** How is this indicated in the passage?*

** Does this apply only to false teaching but not false teachers?*

2. The issue of separation here is not a matter of _____ but of _____, including _____.

3. The reason we must separate from false teaching and teachers is because of the _____ effects of false doctrine in our Christian lives.

** Is it wrong to “name names”?*

** But isn't it unloving and judgmental to practice separation?*

** But doesn't the Lord want unity among believers?*

4. If we respond faithfully to the Lord's commands to separate from false teaching and teachers, the results will be _____ in that we will be:

- an _____ vessel,
- _____,
- _____ for the Lord, and
- _____ for every good work. (v. 21)

** How does this apply to you?*