

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

I. INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY (1:1-5)

II. FAITHFULNESS AMIDST AFFLICTION (1:6–2:13)

III. FAITHFULNESS AMIDST APOSTASY (2:14–4:8)

A. Responding to False Teaching & Teachers (2:14-21)

1. Regarding *Disposition*: Don't Be Quarrelsome (v. 14)

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

- *Does this mean we shouldn't care about words in the Bible?*

b. Disregarding this charge will result in spiritual _____ (*katastrophē*).

2. Regarding *Diligence*: Accurately Handle God's Word (v. 15)

a. Responding faithfully toward false teaching and teachers first requires _____ (*spoudazō*) in _____ (*parahistēmi*) ourselves to God in light of our identity in Christ. (2:11; Rom. 6:13)

- *What is the difference between acceptance & approval with God?* (Eph. 1:6; 1 Thess. 2:4; Jam. 1:12)

b. Presenting ourselves to God as workmen who do not need to be ashamed involves _____ (*orthotomeō*) the Bible—the word of truth.

- *What are some key distinctions in Scripture?*

3. Regarding *Distance*: Separate from Iniquity (vv. 16-21)

a. Responding faithfully to false teaching and teachers requires _____ from them:

... “*shun* profane and idle babblings” (v. 16)

... “*depart* from iniquity” (v. 19)

... “*cleanses* himself from the latter” (v. 21)

... “*flee* also youthful lusts” (v. 22)

... “*avoid* foolish and ignorant disputes” (v. 23)

... “from such people *turn away*” (3:5)

- *Does this apply only to false teaching but not false teachers? (vv. 17, 21)*

b. The issue of separation here is not a matter of _____ but of _____, including _____. (vv. 17-18)

c. The reason we must separate from false teaching and teachers is because of the _____ effects of false doctrine in our Christian lives. (vv. 16b, 18b)

- *Is it ever appropriate to “name names”?*

- *Is it inherently unloving, judgmental, or legalistic to practice separation?*

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

d. If we respond faithfully to the Lord in separation from false teaching and teachers, the results will be _____ (v. 21) in the sense that we will be:

... “a vessel for *honor*”

... “*sanctified*”

... “*useful* for the Master”

... “*prepared* for every good work.”