

Study Notes for 2 Timothy 2: 14-26

Verse 14 -

- The Apostle told Timothy to keep reminding the people of what they had been taught. Why do you think people need reminders so often?
- What are some of the things you personally need to be reminded about?
- Paul also told Timothy to **charge** the people about arguing over words. What do you suppose a charge (solemn warning) would sound like? How would you expect a pastor to do that?
- Why do you think people become so fixated on words to the point that they become a point of arguments?

Verse 15 -

- Timothy was told to present Himself to God in three ways in this verse. Point out all three.
 - 1. A workman approved by God
 - 2. Someone who needs not be ashamed
 - 3. Someone who rightly handles the Word of God
- How does someone know if they've been approved by God?
- What would cause a pastor/teacher/leader to be ashamed?
- What does it mean to rightly handle (divide) the Word of God?
- How do you know if the Word is being properly handled?
- What are the dangers of the Word being mishandled?

Verse 16-19 -

- Paul refers in these verses to **“irreverent babble”** The New American Standard Bible renders this as **“worldly and empty chatter.”** Give some examples of this kind of talk that might be heard today?
- How does this kind of talk **“lead people into more and more ungodliness”**?
- What can you do to avoid it?
- Paul tells Timothy of two men who have **“swerved from the truth.”** What does it mean to “swerve from the truth” and what can you do to avoid it?

Verse 20-21 -

- What is the purpose of this word-picture? What is Paul telling Timothy?

Verse 22

- If someone told you to “**flee youthful passions**” without giving you any insight into those passions, what kind of things would you assume they were referring to?
- How exactly does someone “**pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace**”?

Verses 23-26

- Why do you think people fall into quarreling so easily?
- If you were exhorted today to avoid “**foolish, ignorant controversies**” what kinds of things today fall into those categories?
- Why do you think it’s important for a Pastor and Church Leader to not be quarrelsome?
- In **verses 24-25** Paul lists 4 things that Timothy (and Pastors) should strive for whenever people become contentious. Name all four.
- Is there one of these four things that seems most important to you?
- **Verse 26** suggests that giving into quarreling and being contentious is one way we can actually cooperate with the enemy’s agenda. What should a believer do when he or she realizes this is what they’ve been doing?