

## Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

4. Avoiding error and accurately handling God's Word. Timothy must take the things Paul taught him from God's Word and commit them to faithful men who will be able to pass it on to the next generation, etc., 2:2. Timothy must consider God's Word carefully and the Lord will give him understanding [which will keep him from error], 2:7. Timothy must urge those in Ephesus to stop fighting over words which profits no one and ruins the listener, 2:14. Timothy must do his best to earn God's approval instead of being ashamed by accurately and correctly handling God's Word of truth, 2:15. Timothy must avoid profane and idle babblings which only produce more ungodliness; this is a cancer of lies—spread by men like Hymenaeus and Philetus who say that the resurrection is already past—it overthrows the faith of those who fall for them, 2:16-18. Timothy must avoid foolish and ignorant disputes knowing that they only lead to more fighting. Instead of fighting, Timothy must be gentle, skillful in teaching God's Word, patient, in humility correcting those who are fighting so that God may grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, so that they may come to their senses and escape Satan's snare, who's taken them captive to do his will, 2:23-26 (other places this appears: 1:13).
5. Endurance/Reward. Those who endure hardship in service to Jesus Christ are rewarded just as a focused soldier, a disciplined athlete, and a diligent farmer are rewarded for their labor and sacrifice, 2:3-6. Jesus was rewarded for His endurance with resurrection just as the Gospel says, 2:8. Paul endured suffering, including imprisonment, for preaching the Gospel of Jesus' resurrection and he knew that he would be rewarded for it, 2:8-9, 12. Paul endured all suffering for the sake of the elect so that they too could obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, the one that comes with the reward of eternal glory, 2:10, 12. Those who endure, Jesus will reward with reigning with Him. But those who deny Him their endurance, Jesus will deny them the reward of reigning with Him, 2:12. Timothy must endure his suffering in Ephesus and encourage his audience to do likewise so that he and they will be rewardable, i.e., he must urge those having useless and damaging arguments over words to stop, he must handle God's Word correctly and accurately and avoid profane and idle babblings—the type that Hymenaeus and Philetus are peddling, which only produce more ungodliness and overthrow the faith of those who believe them—, he must urge those who are currently vessels of dishonor to cleanse themselves so that they can be vessels of honor useful to God for every good work, he must flee youthful lusts and instead pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who likewise seek the Lord's heart, he must avoid foolish and ignorant debates which only lead to more fighting and, finally, instead of engaging in heated disputes Timothy must be gentle, skillful in teaching God's Word, and patient so that he can humbly correct those fighting so that God may bring them to repentance, so that they may know the truth, so that they may come to their senses and escape Satan's snare, who took them captive to do his will, 2:14-18, 20-26. (other places this appears: 1:6-18).

## 2 Timothy Chapter 2, Jesus' Truth will set you free from Satan's lies

6. Jesus owns life and controls death. The Gospel clearly says that death could not hold Jesus Christ, therefore, He was raised from the dead, 2:8. The Gospel also clearly says that death cannot hold us, i.e., every individual who has been identified with Jesus' death by simply believing in Him will also be raised from the dead and will forever live with the Lord, 2:11. Timothy must not get involved in heated debates but instead be gentle, skillful in teaching, patient, and humbly correct those who are fighting so that Jesus's truth can set these captives free, i.e., so that Jesus can give life here and now to those who have been taken captive by Satan [the one who had the power of death, Hebrews 2:14], 2:24-26 (other places this appears: 1:1, 9-10).
7. God. For preaching the Gospel, Paul suffered imprisonment, but God's Word is not chained, 2:8-9. In order for Timothy to get God's approval and not be ashamed, he must accurately and correctly handle His Word of truth, 2:15. Though others mishandle God's Word, like Hymenaeus and Philetus who overthrow the faith of some, Timothy must not. Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands and it has this stamp, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity," 2:14-19. A servant of the Lord like Timothy must not engage in heated disputes but be gentle, skillful in teaching God's Word, patient, in humility correcting those who are fighting with the hope that God will grant them repentance and knowledge of the truth which will set them free from Satan's captivity, 2:24-26 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 3-5, 6, 7, 7-8, 9).
8. Word/Truth. They chained Paul for preaching the Gospel, but God's Word is not chained, 2:8-9. Timothy must be sure to earn God's approval instead of His shame by rightly and correctly handling His Word of truth, 2:15. Some like Hymenaeus and Philetus stray from God's truth and say things like, "The resurrection is already past," thereby overthrowing the faith of some, 2:17-18. If Timothy humbly corrects those who are fighting, God may grant them repentance so that they may know the truth, 2:25.
9. Ashamed. If Timothy wants to avoid being ashamed, then he must make every effort to earn God's approval by accurately and correctly handling His Word of truth, 2:15 (other places this appears: 1:7-8, 12, 15-18).
10. Faith. Hymenaeus and Philetus are the type who stray from God's Truth and say that the resurrection is already past, thereby overthrowing the faith of some, 2:18. Timothy must flee youthful lusts and instead pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart, 2:22. (other places this appears: 1:5, 13).
11. Love. Timothy must flee youthful lusts but pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart, 2:22 (other places this appears: 1:7, 13).