

A WARNING AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS

(2 Timothy 2:14-19)

I. THE REMINDER CONCERNING FALSE TEACHERS

A. You need to KNOW the truth well enough in order to IDENTIFY error (2:14-16)

1. As believers we should _____ argue with each other or unbelievers about things that will ultimately _____ benefit them or us in the long run. (2 Tim. 2:14; 1 Tim. 1:3-4)

* Does an unsaved evolutionist need to hear the truth about creation or the Gospel of salvation?

2. A necessary guard against false teaching is to zealously persist in personally _____, interpreting, and _____ God's Word for spiritual nourishment. (2:15)

* Who is the "standard" of approval, God or man? (Matt. 25:21)

3. This _____ to _____ false doctrine is not reserved for unbelievers or immature believers, but even pastors and teachers are to be on guard of its _____ nature. (2 Tim. 2:16; Titus 3:9)

B. Sometimes you need to be AWARE of SPECIFIC false teachers and their doctrines (2:17-19)

1. False doctrine is likened here to _____ (*gangraina*), which is a _____ of tissue in a part of the body when the blood supply is obstructed by injury, disease, or some other cause. (2:17a)
 - a. False religion and satanic lies spread _____ than truth, because the sinful human heart is more _____ to them.
 - b. Humanistic philosophies attract the highly _____, which appeals to the _____ of man by exalting his/her own intellect over the Word of God. (Rom. 1:21-23; 1 Cor. 1:17-25)

- c. Sadly more and more Christians are becoming _____ acquainted with “*Thus saith the Lord;*” but instead they are embracing the seductive _____ of the world. (1 Tim. 4:6-7; 6:20-21; James 4:4)
2. Paul was not _____ to name _____, and he used two examples of men most likely from the church in Ephesus, one of which was identified in his first letter to Timothy. (1 Tim. 1:18-20; 2 Tim. 2:17b)
3. Both of these men had “_____ *concerning the* _____,” teaching false views regarding the resurrection. (2:18a)
4. Like an infectious _____ eating at the Body, they had been “_____” in overthrowing the faith of some believers. (2:18b)
5. Despite the defection of these two and their followers, Timothy need not be shaken because...
- a. “*The solid foundation of God* _____.” (Eph. 2:19-22)
- b. There was God’s seal which indicated _____. (Eph. 1:13; 4:30)
- c. When it comes to false teachers and those who are confused by them, an indisputably fact remains, “*The Lord* _____ *those who are* _____.”
- d. If you call yourself a _____ you ought to have the same _____ of the One from which you derive your name.

* How can you personally apply this truth?