

A Father's Farewell

2nd Timothy

*Fighting the Good
Fight for the Faith
(Part 2)*

Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

²⁰ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. ²¹ If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

²² Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³ Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵ Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:14–26

*Part 1 Review -
The Best Defense
Is A Good Offense!*

Part 1 - Positive Protection

- The most important protection against the infection of false teaching is the consistent positive teaching of the sound doctrine of the Word of God.
- The sound teaching of the Word of God must be joined with the positive growth and display of godly character.

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Pure Doctrine and Pure Life

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:16

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Fighting the Good Fight

Stop Dangerous False Teaching

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that **you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer**

1 Timothy 1:3

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Key Distinctives of Heresy

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2 Timothy 2:17–19

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Confront the Heresy To Save People!

Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:25–26

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*Two Dangers for Those
Fighting the Fight*

Fighting Error - In An Ungodly Way

And the Lord's servant **must not quarrel**; instead, he must be **kind** to everyone, able to teach, **not resentful**.²⁵ Those who oppose him he must **gently instruct**, in the **hope** that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:24–26

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The Danger Useless Quarrels - Don't 'Love the Fight'

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because you know they produce quarrels.

2 Timothy 2:14, 16, 23

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He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and **quarrels about words** that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions 1 Timothy 6:4

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from **godless chatter** and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, 1 Timothy 6:20

But avoid **foolish** controversies and genealogies and **arguments** and **quarrels** about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Titus 3:9

Don't "Love the Fight"

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2 Timothy 2:23–24

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Applying the Word

The Two Markers of Heresy

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. ⁴ For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

Jude 1:3–4

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The Table
of
the Faith

