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**Keep Focused**  
**2 Timothy 2:14-19 (Part 1)**

**Review**

**1. A leader (teacher) trains others to lead (teach).**

*2 Tim. 2:1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*

**2. A leader works diligently.**

*2 Tim. 2:4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.*

**3. A leader endures suffering.**

*2 Tim. 2:10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.*

**A good leader stays focused on the important things.**

**1. Don't get distracted by unimportant/division-causing issues. (14)**

*2 Tim. 2:14 Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.*

**2. Pay attention to your own life and ministry. (15)**

*2 Tim. 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

**3. A lack of focus produces disastrous consequences. (16-18)**

## Why is "rightly handling the word of truth" so important?

### When rightly handled...

#### 1. ...the word of God produces a better quality of life.

*1 Tim. 4:15 Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

#### 2. ...the word of God produces wisdom and effectiveness in kingdom pursuits.

*2 Tim. 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

#### 3. ...the word of God safeguards from false teaching.

*2 Pet. 3:14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.*

## Discussion & Reflection

1. Think about the people who have leadership influence in your life. Are they worthy of that position? Why or why not?
2. What does your personal study of the word of God look like? Is there fruit/growth in your life due to your time in scripture? What value have you experienced?
3. In what ways would you like to see growth in your study time? Identify one practice to commit to over the next month or so. Do it!

## SONGS

"Nothing But The Blood" - Robert Lowry

"King Of My Heart" - John Mark McMillan & Sarah McMillan

"Only Wise God" - Valley Bible Worship

"What A Beautiful Name" - Brooke Ligertwood & Ben Feilding

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$48,686.01  
WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$715,982.91  
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$811,256.00