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Stay the Course - 2 Timothy 2:14-19 (Part 2)

Review: REMEMBER. REMEMBER. REMEMBER.

Christ-followers (particularly leaders) stay focused on the things most important to Christ.

Can I say...?

- **I am not distracted or derailed by peripheral or divisive issues.**
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.
- **I am diligent to examine my character and offer my service to God as one approved, unashamed and in line with the word of truth.**
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.

Today's focus: Christ-followers (particularly leaders) are not drawn into ungodly talk, topics or teaching.

2 Tim. 2:16, 17a

16 But **avoid** irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness
17a and their talk will spread like gangrene.

Do I heed the direct warning to...?

- **Stay away from empty or God-defaming talk & topics.**

It spreads like a deadly infection and increasingly leads people to a pattern of life that is opposed to God's character.

*Titus 3:9 But **avoid** foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, **for they are unprofitable and worthless.***

2 Tim. 2:17b, 18

17b Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, **18** who **have swerved from the truth**, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.

Do I heed the indirect warning to...?

- **Steer clear of influences and teachings that undermine God's promises.**

Listening to those who have jettisoned the truth is dangerous and can even derail the faith of some.

Titus 3: 10-11 As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

Stay the course in a sea of ungodly talk, topics or teaching

2 Tim. 2:19

But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal:

"The Lord knows those who are his,"...

and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

1. **Trust** God's promises and faithfulness to you.

Romans 8: 16-17 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—**heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

2. **Turn away** from wickedness.

Romans 6:13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Personal Reflection

1. **Has something in your life, (talk, topic or teaching) distracted or derailed you from the things most important to Christ? Have you been an influence of distraction in someone's life? Do you need to ask for forgiveness?**
2. **Do you find it easier to fixate on "irreverent babble" or on the firm foundation of God's promises? What practices, beliefs or attitudes in your life contribute to that focus?**
3. **What one practice can you implement this week to sharpen your focus on your life and ministry for the Lord? Share your decision with one person this week.**

Further Study:

Read Titus 3:1-10. Paul presents a gospel-formed pattern of life (vv.1-2,8), a gospel-less pattern of life (v.3), and a warning against controversies that create factions in churches (vv.9-10). How does constantly reflecting on the "shape" and benefits of God's kindness in the gospel (vv.4-7), produce people "devoted to good works"? What is it about "foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law" that are unprofitable and worthless?

SONGS

"King of Heaven" – Paul Baloche

"Stand In Your Love" – Josh Baldwin

"Build My Life" – Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, and Matt Redman

"The Cross Has The Final Word" – Cody Carnes

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$30,252.18
WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$746,235.09
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$846,528.00