

How to Navigate to the RIGHT ROAD

2 Timothy 2:14-15 Chris Mueller 9-30-2018

Introduction:

2 Peter 2:1–2 *there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned.*

Acts 20:28–30 *Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.*

John MacArthur The “savage wolves” had already begun their disruptive and destructive work, and the congregation was suffering serious spiritual and moral decline. As it always does, ungodly teaching led to ungodly living.

14 Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

#1 REPEATING S _____ DOCTRINE 14a

14a Remind them of these things

#2 REFUSING to S _____ over speculative options 14b

14b and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers

John Calvin Solemn charging before the Lord is intended to strike terror; and from this severity, we learn how dangerous to the Church is that knowledge which leads to debates, ... which disregards piety, and tends to ostentation... [based upon] speculative theology.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

2 Peter 2:6 [God] condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to DESTRUCTION by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter.

#3 REJECTING S_____ DOCTRINE through diligent STUDY 15

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

William Hendrickson Timothy must exert every effort so to conduct himself that even now before the bar of God's judgment he stands approved, that is, as one who, after thorough examination by no one less than the Supreme Judge, has the satisfaction of knowing that the latter is well-pleased with him and commends him

TAKE HOME

A Be diligent to _____ debating a false teacher.

B Be diligent to _____ false teaching.

C Be diligent to _____ your home and heart in the Word.

2 Timothy 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

D Be diligent to grow in discernment of _____.

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

E Be diligent to _____ totally on Christ to follow truth and reject lies.

John 14:6 I am the way, and THE TRUTH, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is Jesus called the TRUTH?
2. What is so dangerous about LIES?
3. What is so deadly about FALSE TEACHING? How do verses 14-19 describe the HARM of false teaching?
4. What kind of steps do you need to take to be STRONG against false teaching?
5. How can you determine the difference between TRUE teaching and FALSE teaching?
6. How can you grow strong in the scriptures and strong in doctrine as a believer and as a group of believers?
7. How should your love for Christ grow because of His character of TRUTH and not LIES?

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