

# What's the Harm in Drinking Poison?

#14 WHAT to do about false teaching and the reason WHY - 2 Timothy 2:16-19 *Chris Mueller 10-7-2018*

*Introduction:*

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.  
16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,  
17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,  
18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.  
19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."

#1 Pursue continual EXPOSURE to God's Word 14a

*14a Remind them of these things,*

#2 Refuse to WRANGLE about Error 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*

#3 LABOR intensely in the Word 15a

*15a Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed,*

#4 Interpret the Word ACCURATELY 15b

*15b accurately handling the word of truth.*

#5 \_\_\_\_\_ empty discussions about error 16-17a

*16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,  
17a and their talk will spread like gangrene.*

*Titus 3:9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.*

*Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they become fools*

*2 Peter 2:2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned.*

## #6 \_\_\_\_\_ the men who teach error and their teaching 17b-18

17b *Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.*

1 Corinthians 15:12–14 *Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.*

## #7 Trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ the true and \_\_\_\_\_ the false 19

19 *Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness."*

### Turn to Numbers 16

#### 1<sup>st</sup> God will secure the TRUE

John 6:37,39 *All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me ...all that He has given Me I lose nothing.*

John 10:14 *I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.*

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> God will expose the FALSE

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."*

1 Peter 1:15 *Like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.*

Philippians 1:6 *He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

1 Continually pursue exposure to God's Word.

2 Do not wrangle over error.

3/4 Labor intensely in God's Word and interpret the Word accurately.

5 Avoid empty discussions about error.

6 \_\_\_\_\_ the men and women who teach error and their teaching.

7 Know it is the Lord who keeps you \_\_\_\_\_.

#### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Give an example of an empty discussion Christians should avoid at all costs.
2. Describe several possible ways empty discussions could lead to ungodliness according to 2 Timothy 2:14-19.
3. Why must genuine believers openly reject false teachers? How is the rejection of false teachers manifested?
4. Explain how the rejection of the physical resurrection of Christ is dangerous.
5. Explain how the rebellion of Korah helps us understand 2 Timothy 2:19.
6. What steps do you need to take in order to reject error and embrace sound doctrine?
7. What steps should your CG take to be like Christ, who was full of GRACE, but also full of uncompromising TRUTH?

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