

The Perils of False Teaching (2 Timothy 2:14-19) Part I

- Paul concludes first part: why we must not be ashamed of the Gospel
- Paul exhorts Timothy with one of his faithful sayings (vvs 11-13)

The faithful

- a) For if we died with *Him*, we shall also live with *Him*
- b) If we endure, we shall also reign with *Him*

The faithless

- a) If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us
- b) If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself

- What Paul told Timothy: not just given to him for personal edification

I. Warn Them about the Perils of False Teaching (2:14-19)

- Only in a thorough knowledge of God's truth can error truly be discerned
- For this reason, Paul says to Timothy "**remind them of these things**" 14b
- Remind "**them**" – refers to the whole congregation in Ephesus (2:2)
- "**things**" refers to what Paul had been saying to Timothy in 2:1-2
- Timothy was to: 14b **charge them before - Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers**

a) False Teaching Ruins its hearers (2:14b)

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b) False Teaching Brings Shame on the Teachers (2:15)

- Paul's 2nd warning about false teaching is by means of contrast

v15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth

- Gal 1:10; 1 Thess 2:4; Matt 25:21- contrast with Phil 3:18; Jude 12,13