

## Sermon Notes | **Multiply**- February 2025

### **Fight Right: 2 Timothy 2:14-19**

**Big Idea:** Fight right!

1. Bad Quarrel (14)
2. Fight for Truth (15-18)
3. Let Divisions Transform you (19)

#### **I. Bad Quarrel (14)**

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of **these things** and **charge** them before God **not to quarrel about words**, which does no good, but only **ruins** the hearers.

**Titus 2:1** – “You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine...”

(1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:2; Acts 2:42...)

#### ***What is quarreling?***

Greek: *logomachein*- “word-disputatious!”

#### **Galatians 5:19-20**

When you follow the desires of your **sinful nature**, the results are very clear: sexual immorality,... idolatry, ... **quarreling**...

#### **1 Corinthians 11:18b-19**

<sup>18</sup> ... I hear that there are **divisions** among you. And I believe it in part, <sup>19</sup> for **there must be factions among you** in order that those who are **genuine** among you may be recognized.

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#### **Titus 3:9-11**

“But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and **quarrels** about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. <sup>10</sup> As for a **person who stirs up division**, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him,...”

#### **II. Fight for Truth (15-18)**

<sup>15</sup> 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**.

#### **Acts 17:11**

“Now the Berean Jews were of more **noble character** than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures every day** to see if what Paul said was true.”

#### **Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics)**

1. Literally.
2. Historically, grammatically and contextually.
3. The Bible interprets itself.

## II. Fight for Truth (15-18)

<sup>16</sup> But avoid **irreverent babble**, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, <sup>17</sup> and their talk will spread like **gangrene**. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, <sup>18</sup> who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.

## III. Be Encouraged (19)

<sup>19</sup> 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**."

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**2 Timothy 2:14-19**

1. Christians are 'one' in Christ. So why are there so many church factions and splits? Share some of your experiences with church fights. Is it bad to have church fights? What have you seen? What are the causes?

2. Bad Quarrel. Read 2 Timothy 2:14.

What does it mean to "quarrel about words"?

What characterizes bad quarrel? (see also Galatians 5:19-20 "sinful nature...quarrel"; James 4:1; Titus 3:9-11).

3. What can be good about quarrel? (see 1 Corinthians 11:18b-19). Discuss the importance to protecting doctrine ((*1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:2; Acts 2:42...*)).

4. Fighting for Truth. Read 2 Timothy 2:15.

What are some ways you can do a better job studying the Bible properly? Discuss the basic principles of interpretation (*hermeneutics*):

1. Literally, unless otherwise obvious.
2. Historically, grammatically and contextually.
3. The Bible interprets itself.

5. Fighting for Truth. Read 2 Timothy 2:16-18.

How did Paul handle false teaching in church? (see also 1 Tim. 1:20).

How have you seen false teaching handled? Why is it important to address it?

6. Be Encouraged. Read 2 Timothy 2:19.

Conflict can be so discouraging, but God sees you! He knows how you feel, and that you are on a firm foundation in Christ. How can we let conflict help us 'depart from iniquity'? Instead of being discouraged by factions, how can we let them work to our advantage? Discuss.