

2 Timothy 2, Part 2

Study to gain God's approval (14-18)

- I. Twin charges to those he will teach and to himself (14, 15).
 - A. "Of these things" refers back to the previously stated declaration of salvation in Christ if faithfully followed. (8-13)
 - B. Conversely, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God."
 - C. Verse 15 ends with, "Rightly dividing the word of truth."
- II. Why profane and vain babblings should be avoided (16).
 - A. The word "profane" means the crossing over to the heathenistic or unhallowed side.
 - B. "Vain babblings" means empty sounds or empty chatter.
 - C. Timothy was to "shun" these things.
- III. If Timothy did not avoid these problems it would be like gangrene to his spiritual life (17, 18).
 - A. We all know how serious gangrene is to the body. How do we stop gangrene once it starts?
 - B. Then Paul lists two men who have allowed the canker (gangrene) to corrupt their lives. Hymenaeus and Philetus.
 - C. The specific error of these two was, "Saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."