

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PEOPLE DON'T CARE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE.
~Theodore Roosevelt

Sermon Series: **Perseverance (2 Timothy)**

PERSEVERANCE – THE STANDARD OF APPROVAL

2 Timothy 2:14-26 NKJV

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I. MOOD

Rome

- July 19, A.D. 64, fire destroys much...
- The Mamertine Prison – “House of Darkness”

Ephesus

- A.D. 62 – false teachers
 - A.D. 64, Timothy left at Ephesus
 - A.D. 65-67, Paul writes letter (2 Timothy) from prison
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II. MESSAGE

A. _____ - 2 Timothy 2:11-13 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:11** NKJV; Romans 6:4-5 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:12a** NKJV; Ecclesiastes 9:11 NKJV; Matthew 24:13 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:12b** NKJV; Luke 9:26 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:13** NKJV

God remains faithful. Faithful is who He Is!

The Apostle urges His spiritual son, Timothy, to make sure His consistent gospel message in word and deed is to remind them of the importance of faithfulness.

B. _____ - 2 Timothy 2:14-21 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:14 NKJV**

The Message of the _____ Teachers:

- worthless and divisive
- no redeeming value
- destroyed those who listened
- argumentative
- warring over words
- divided and perverted people with their talk

† **2 Timothy 2:17 NKJV** – their message will spread like cancer

- (metastasize) infectious
- Examples: Hymenaeus & Philetus
- Paul has excommunicated them from the church

† 1 Timothy 1:20 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:18 NKJV**

- they maintained that the resurrection has already occurred
 - Implication: they were already perfected in the Spirit and thus already shared the life to come.
 - Gnosticism - this belief led to a libertine lifestyle (no moral principles or sense of responsibility)
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The Message of the _____ - By contrast, Timothy was to:

† **2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV**

- Be diligent means - to make every effort (Psalm 1)
- Don't be ashamed of the Gospel - it is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16)
- Rightly dividing the Word of Truth - correctly handling, literally "cutting straight"
- False teachers strayed!
- Timothy was to:

- Cut straight stones (masonry)
- Plow straight furrows (farming)
- Cut a straight path for others to follow

† **2 Timothy 2:19** NKJV

- Korah's Rebellion - *God distinguished between His true followers and the rebels of Korah and urged them to separate from the wicked rebels.*

† Numbers 16:5 NKJV

† Numbers 16:26 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:20-21** NKJV

- Become a vessel of honor - fit for the service of God vs. being a vessel of dishonor fit for trash fine China vs trash cans and bed pans.

III. MANNER

It's not enough to have the Truth, we must present the truth in an attractive manner.

† **2 Timothy 2:22** NKJV - Youthful lust (passion) - headstrong, belligerent, know-it-all, nature that many youth display.

† **2 Timothy 2:24** NKJV; Proverbs 15:1 - works with believers & non-believers.

† **2 Timothy 2:25** NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:24-26** NKJV

The goal is not to be right, the goal is to win the lost!

- The Standard of Approval is to represent God in our **Message**, understanding and being able to communicate the Truth accurately.
- And it is also to be able to communicate the message in a **Manner** that is irresistibly attractive!
- Sometimes it is a challenge, especially in the face of opposition.
- Remember, Jesus persevered in the face of opposition and so can you!
