

Questions for Consideration—With the Master Holding Fast to the Truth—Lesson 11—2 Timothy 2:15-18—Rightly Divide the Truth Or Stray From the Truth!

1. (a) Read 2 Timothy 2:15-18. What commands do you notice in this passage? (b) What contrasts do you observe in this passage?

2. Memorize 2 Timothy 2:15.

3. (a) Look up the following verses and list the speech of genuine teachers and the speech of false teachers. (You might want to make two columns in order to see the contrast) Jeremiah 23:16; Ezekiel 13:9; John 7:17,18; Romans 16:18; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 4:3,4; Titus 2:12; 2 Peter 2:18; Jude 1:16. (b) How can these passages help you as you discern truth from error?

4. (a) Hymenaeus and Alexander were teaching that the resurrection was past according to 2 Timothy 2:17, 18. (b) Why is it essential that we believe in the resurrection according to 1 Corinthians 15:12-19? (c) Who else was wrong about the resurrection in Matthew 22:23-33? (d) Why were they in error about the resurrection according to verse 29? (e) How does this relate to what Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:15? (f) How should this motivate us as believers to make sure we know the Word of God? (g) What are some ways we can make sure we are rightly dividing God's Word?

5. (a) Why should we avoid foolish and godless chatter according to 1 Timothy 4:7, 8; 6:20, 21; 2 Timothy 2:14-17; Titus 1:14-16 and 3:9? (b) What are we to do instead according to these same passages? (If it is noted.) (c) How do you avoid meaningless chatter? (d) What are some ways in which we can elevate conversation from meaningless to meaningful?

6. (a) Do you know of anyone who has veered into false ideas like Hymenaeus and Philetus? (This does not have to be the false idea of the resurrection as in their case.) (b) Are you willing to humbly confront the error of their way? (c) Will you?

7. (a) Are you faithful to spend ample time in the Word of God? (b) Will you be able to stand unashamed as one who has rightly divided the Word of Truth? (c) Do you shun the idle chatter of our day?

8. After considering your answers from question 7, write a prayer request on how you can improve your Christian walk.