

Questions for Consideration—With the Master Holding Fast to the Truth—Lesson 13—2 Timothy 2:22-26—What to Flee From and What to Follow After

1. (a) Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26 and list all the commands that Paul mentions. (b) What are the reasons given for obeying these commands?

2. Memorize 2 Timothy 2:22.

3. (a) What do you learn about gentleness from the following passages? Isaiah 40:11; Galatians 5:22, 23; 1 Thessalonians 2:7; Titus 3:1-3 and James 3:17, 18. (b) What example of gentleness can you recall in Scripture and what do you learn from it? (c) Why should Christians endeavor to be gentle when dealing with others?

4. (a) What happens when one chooses to involve themselves in foolish questions and arguments according to 1 Timothy 1:4; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 2:14-18; Titus 3:9. (b) Who in scripture comes to mind as one who was argumentative or involved in foolish disputes and what do you learn from their negative example?

5. (a) Paul mentions that some have been taken snare by the devil in 2 Timothy 2:26. What else does Paul tell us about the devil in 2 Corinthians 2:11 and 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12? (b) What does Peter tell us about the devil in 1 Peter 5:8? (c) How do you avoid being duped by the evil one?

6. (a) How could you use 2 Timothy 2:22-26 to help someone who is caught captive by the evil one? (b) How does one flee passionate desires that are evil? (c) How does one pursue righteous desires? (Use Scripture when able to back up your answers.)

7. (a) Does gentleness or argumentative describe you more often when dealing with others? (b) How can one put off being argumentative?

8. Come with a request for yourself based on our lesson or for someone whom you know is under the influence of the evil one.