

Remind the Church About the Danger of Words and the Foundation of God

2 Timothy 02: 14–21

1 *Reminder 1:*

Do not argue over words that do not profit the hearers — speculations, theories, and petty matters

2 *Reminder 2:*

Study — seek to be a true teacher of God’s Word

- a. To be approved of God
- b. To be unashamed
- c. To correctly teach the Word

3 *Reminder 3:*

Shun godless chatter and discussions

- a. It leads to ungodliness
- b. It eats away as a cancer
- c. Two examples
 - 1) They spiritualise the resurrection
 - 2) They undermine the faith of some

4 *Reminder 4:*

The foundation of God’s house is firm

- a. God’s great house has two inscriptions
- b. God’s earthly house (church) has a variety of articles
 - 1) There are both noble and base articles
 - 2) There has to be a cleansing in order to become a useful instrument

14 Keep reminding them of these things.

Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,

a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

16 Avoid godless chatter,

because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene.

Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

18 Who have wandered away from the truth.

They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless,

God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription:

“The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.”

20 In a large house there are articles

not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble.

21 If a man cleanses himself from the latter,

he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work