



TIMOTHY

...by the power of God

2:14-26

“growing spiritually”

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“be good and feel good”

“Keep reminding them of **these things.**” *(II Timothy 2:14, NIV)*

“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David.

This is my gospel.”

(II Timothy 2:8, NIV)

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who **correctly handles the word of truth.**” *(II Timothy 2:15, NIV)*

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2) Don't be argumentative

“Warn them before God against **quarreling** about words: it is of no value and only ruins those who listen.”

(II Timothy 2:14b, NIV)

“Avoid **godless chatter**, because those who indulge in it, will become more and more ungodly.”

(II Timothy 2:16, NIV)

“Don’t have anything to do with
foolish and stupid arguments,
because you know they produce
quarrels. And the Lord’s servant
must not be quarrelsome.”

(II Timothy 2:23-24a, NIV)

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a— remain calm

“They say the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.” *(II Timothy 2:18, NIV)*

“Nevertheless, God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: ‘The Lord knows those who are his,’ and ‘Everyone who confesses the name fo the Lord must turn away from wickedness.’”

(II Timothy 2:19, NIV)

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a— remain calm

b— **rise above the unwindable**

“Flee the evil desires of youth...”

(II Timothy 2:22, NIV)

KEY VERSE:

“Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.”

(II Timothy 2:23, NIV)

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a— remain calm

b— rise above the unwindable

c— **remember your purpose**

“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for **special purposes** and some for common use...” *(II Timothy 2:20-21, NIV)*

“...Those who cleanse themselves for the latter will be **instruments for special purposes**, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”

(II Timothy 2:20-21, NIV)

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3) Do everything with kindness and gentleness

“...and pursue righteousness, faith,
love and peace, along with those who
call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

(II Timothy 2:22, NIV)

“...but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.”

(II Timothy 2:24, NIV)

“Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.”

(II Timothy 2:25-26, NIV)

bottom line —

Spiritual maturity means leaving behind the ignorance of infancy, the argumentativeness of adolescence. And **growing in the peace and kindness of our Heavenly Father.**



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