2 Timothy 2:14

"The Solid Foundation of God Stands"

Introduction - 2:14 - Don't be distracted

Remind them of these things...

- 2 Timothy 2:8: Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel.
- 2 Timothy 2:11-13: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we deny Him, He will also deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful, He cannot deny Himself.

Introduction - 2:14 - Don't be distracted

To the ruin of the hearers...

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Proverbs 29:18 Where [there is] no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy [is] he who keeps the law.

Romans 10:17 faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God

Introduction

Key Verse

1:12-13 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

V 15

Keep Focused

V15 – Keep Focused

Rightly dividing has several ideas associated with the ancient term.

- Rightly handle the Word of God, as one would rightly handle a sword.
- *Plow straight* with the Word of God, properly presenting the essential doctrines.
- Properly dissect and arrange the Word of God, as a priest would dissect and arrange an animal for sacrifice.
- *Allot to each their portion*, as someone distributing food at a table.
 - David Guzik

V15 – Keep Focused

Rightly dividing

Joshua 1:7

"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

Vv 16-18

Consequences of Losing Focus

V 19

The Reward of Focus

Vv 20-21

Vessels of Honor

Vv 20-21 – Vessels of Honor

1 John 1:9
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Vv 24-26

The Gentle Servant, Used of God

Take It Home

- 1. Rightly divide the Word
- 2. Seek teachers with a high respect for God's Word
- 3. Be a vessel of honor suitable for God's use.
- 4. Be gentle.
- 5. Rely fully on the Holy Spirit

MEDITATION VERSE

2 Timothy 2:19

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

BENEDICTION

I Thess 3:12-13
may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we [do] to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.