2 Timothy 2:14-26 - Do your best
to present yourself to God as a good worker

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# Remind them of these things

# The charge:

## The concern for what is beneficial: not fighting about words, but building up

### On character vs. mere truth

# What is ‘the word of truth’ (V15), the Gospel?

# ‘Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.’ (V15) - What is a worker of this truth, the Gospel?

## ‘rightly handling the word of truth.’ (V15)

# V20 - The Lord’s servant (V19, V24) must be Clean for Holy use by God ready for every good work: Avoid iniquity and pursue righteousness.

# - The problem facing the worker, the opposition, the disease, and the corruption

## ‘ashamed,’ (V15)

## Infection

## Heresy - Denial of bodily resurrection

# Avoid and flee

## People spreading ruin in the church:

### ‘Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,’ (V17)

## ‘irreverent babble,’ (V16)

## ‘more and more ungodliness,’ (V16)

## ‘spread like gangrene’ (V17)

## ‘swerved from the truth’ (V18)

## ‘upsetting the faith of some.’ (V18)

## ‘flee youthful passions’ (V22)

# The foundation of this work: ‘a great house’ (V20)

## ‘God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." (V19)

## ‘useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.’ (V21)

# The *character* of this good worker

## ‘Do your best to present yourself to God’ (V15)

## ‘useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.’ (V21)

### > A student of the Bible, a lover of God’s word, competent and able to teach (3:17) ‘equipped (ready) for every good work’. The word is what is needed to turn people from evil. For the world, and the Christian worker,

## ‘honorable’, ‘gold and silver’ (V20)

## ‘cleanses himself from what is dishonorable’ (V21)

## Pursue Jesus (V22)

## Engage the people needing the word

## To conclude from where we started in the outline: ‘Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.’ (V23) cf. ’the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome’ (V24)

## The Lord’s servant – being like him in handling evil, opponents, and the devil. Knowing the supreme sovereignty of God, fearing nothing. cf. ‘they will not get very far’ (3:9)

## He does not deviate from a sincere faith in God’s revelation of Jesus and the life that is in Him

## In sum, ‘set apart as holy’ (V21)