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Let's read 2 Timothy 2 again



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5/18 commands covered in Session 1

1. Be strengthened by Christ's grace
2. Share in suffering as a good soldier
3. Remember Jesus Christ
4. Endure for the sake of the elect as an athlete
5. Be faithful as a farmer

In Session 2, we will see:

- 13 more commands
 - Being set apart in what we believe
 - Being set apart in how we live
 - Being set apart in how we treat people
- Our motivation for living set apart

2 Timothy 2:14

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

Remind them of these things

Command #6: Remind: bring it up over and over again

Them: the believers in Timothy's church

“faithful men (and women!) who will be able to teach others also” (v. 2)

Remind them of these things

Remind believers of **these things: (vv. 11-13)**

- Dying for Christ=living with Christ
- Enduring persecution=reigning with Christ
- Denying Christ=Christ will deny you
- Christ's incredible faithfulness

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Why do we need these reminders?

How can I remind myself and others about these things?

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and charge them before God not to quarrel about words

Command #7: Do not quarrel about words

Wrangle: argue loudly for a long time; strive/contend/fight

If we get distracted from the main point, we focus on “being right” vs. being faithful.

Paul recognized our human tendency to quarrel about anything and everything: **He warned against quarreling 10 times in his epistles!**

- How many angels would fit on the head of a pin
- Prayers are unbiblical if you don't say "In Jesus' name"

which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

Why should we be so concerned about our words?

- Quarreling is not profitable: **IT DOES NO GOOD**
- Ruins—overthrows/destroys the hearers—How?

which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

Destroying the hearers is the OPPOSITE of edifying!

Ephesians 4:29 ESV

Let **no** corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but **only such as is good for building up**, *as fits the occasion*, that it may **give** grace to those who hear.

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- Do my words build up believers and give them grace?
- What do my words imply that harms the hearers?
- Do I speak up to help other believers stop quarreling?
- GO talk to HER.
- Have I considered how my “venting” is affecting the hearer(s)?

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2 Timothy 2:15

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.

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Command #8: Do your best to be an approved worker

Do your best: Be diligent! Work hard! Put in effort!

Yourself: the only one you have to worry about presenting to God is YOU.

To God: God is the only One to Whom you are presenting. Not man.

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**Do your best to present yourself to God as
one approved**

Approved: *dokimos*

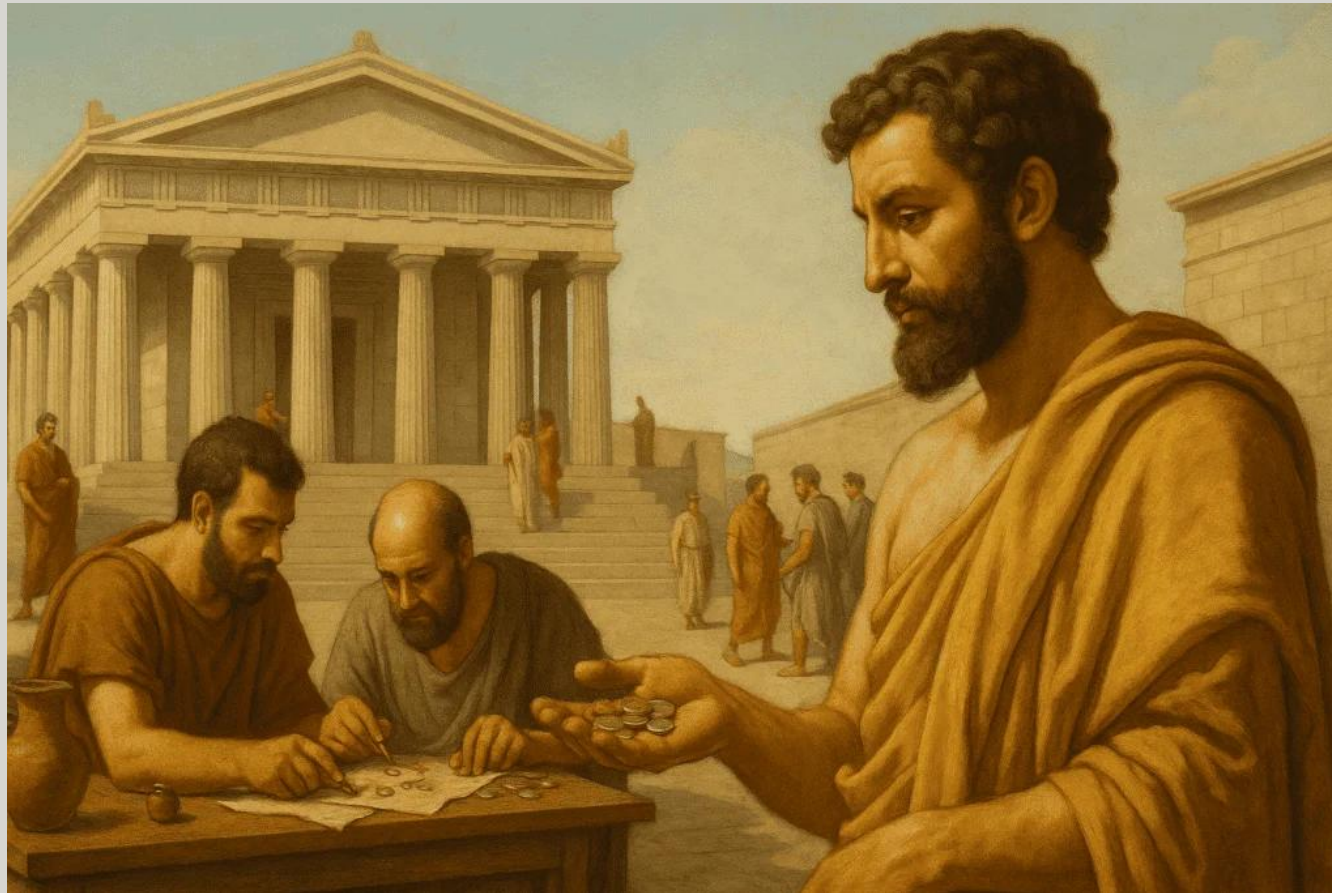
Men of integrity who accepted no counterfeit coins

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What counterfeit ideas have we accepted?

- Follow your heart
- God just wants us to happy
- Cut toxic people out of your life
- Protect your peace
- I just have a sarcastic sense of humor

a worker who has no need to be ashamed

Worker: laborer—teacher who labors to teach and build the Kingdom of God

It is hard work to teach the Word of God correctly!

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Why would a worker be ashamed?

[1Corinthians 3:12-15 ESV] Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw--each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test **what sort of work each one has done**. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, **he will suffer loss**, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

rightly handling the word of truth

Rightly handling: to make straight and smooth; to teach the truth directly and correctly

Word of truth: *logos*

Christ, Word of God, preaching

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Am I doing my best to:

Present **myself** to God?

Present myself to **God**?

Study the Word to teach it directly & correctly?

Refuse to accept counterfeit “words of life”?

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2 Timothy 2:16

But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,

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Command #9: Avoid irreverent discussions

Irreverent: profane, ungodly, disrespectful

Babble: discussion of vain and useless matters; fruitless discussion

What if a court reporter followed me around all day,
recording my conversations and digital interactions?

What percentage of my words would meet the
standard?

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Do the things I talk about lead others into more and more ungodliness?

Does what I talk about edify other believers?

Are the podcasts and conversations I listen to just babble? What I listen to affects my beliefs.

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2 Timothy 2:17-18

And their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁷ who have swerved from the truth, saying the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some.

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From Reduced Blood Flow to Tissue Death

Medical tech official



Educational vascular pathology infographic.

Gangrene spreads when dead tissue or a severe bacterial infection moves into healthy parts of the body. Wet and gas gangrene spread very fast through the blood and soft tissues. This can cause **sepsis**, organ failure, and death within hours.

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Paul gives an example of irreverent babble spreading like gangrene:

Hymenaeus and Philetus were teaching that believers are only resurrected in a mystical, spiritual way. No physical resurrections would ever happen.

Can you imagine the confusion?

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Am I teaching the truth of Christ and the Word of God directly and correctly or do my conversations upset the faith of some?

Do I know the Word of God well enough to recognize and reject false teachings?

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2 Timothy 2:19

But God's firm foundations stands, bearing this seal:

"The Lord knows who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

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But: strong contrast to the foolishness of false teaching
God's firm foundation stands!

Our foundation is in Christ, not a popular theologian,
pastor or friend.

God & His Word is THE Authority in our lives. He is
TESTED, TRUE, SURE, and FOREVER RELIABLE.

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Bearing this seal: this is how we will know the sheep from the goats, the elect from unbelievers, the lost from the saved.

1. God knows who belongs to Him.
2. Believers quit sinning as much as possible.

The Lord knows who are His:

No matter what false teachers claim, God knows.

I don't have to fret, worry, and stress about false teachers—God knows.

The Lord knows who are His:

Num 16:5;

Jhn 10:14;

Gal 4:9;

Psa 1:6;

Jhn 10:27-30;

Rev 17:8

Psa 37:18,28;

Jhn 13:18;

Nah 1:7;

Rom 8:28;

Mat 7:23;

Rom 11:2;

Luk 13:27;

1Co 8:3;

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Are you His?

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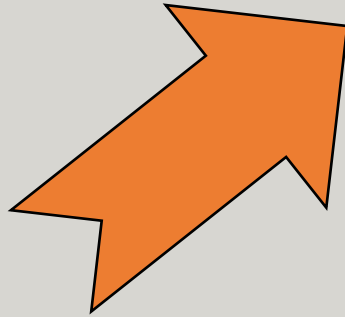
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Command #10: Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity

Those who name Christ must hate sin so much they are willing to leave it.

This is the lynchpin
of the whole passage.



What would it look like to depart from iniquity in 2026?

- Delete the app
- Invite accountability
- Quit buying ____ coping mechanism
- Contribute to the church
- Pray before doing anything else

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Departing from iniquity

- Leave that group chat
- Walk away from that conversation
- Put the phone/device down
- Stop watching/listening to/reading that _____
- Don't send that text

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2 Timothy 2:20

Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable.

Now Paul is going to SHOW us an illustration of departing from iniquity—it involves the **vessels**—or items used in his readers' homes.

Then, he's going to tell us HOW to depart from iniquity through 8 more commands

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Vessels: containers made of different materials

Honorable use: special uses like a vase

Dishonorable: ordinary uses like a toilet

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2 Timothy 2:21

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

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if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable

Cleanses: purge

I Corinthians 5:7 [ESV] **Cleanse** out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

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**HOLD ON!!! I can't cleanse
myself from iniquity!!!**

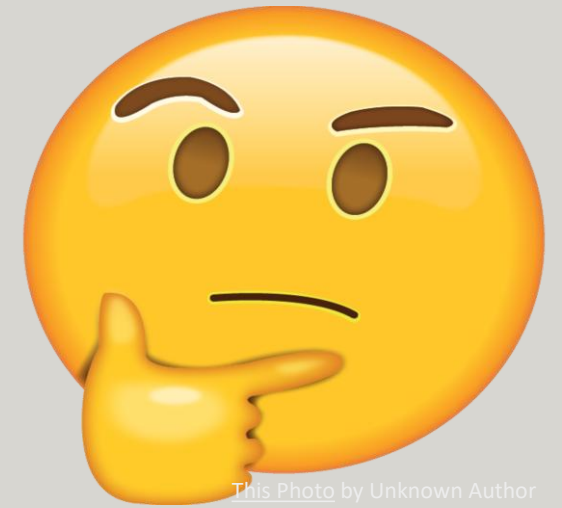


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If a person knows God is calling her to stop smoking, consuming large quantities of alcohol, or lowering her caffeine intake, but she continues to buy cigarettes, cases of wine, or bulk cartons of energy drinks, **would you say she is trying to cleanse herself?**



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We are cleansed from our sin by Christ, **AND** there are practical things we can do to **stop sinning—departing from iniquity!**

Again, Paul is going to tell us how exactly we can cleanse ourselves from “these things.”

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if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable

Dishonorable: is actually translated a completely different Greek word from verse 20!

In verse 20, dishonorable is *atimia*: dishonor/vile/shame/reproach (noun)

In verse 21, dishonorable is *houtos*: “these things”—referring back to the irreverent babble and iniquity previously mentioned. (pronoun)

Paul is NOT suggesting that some Christians will serve in important roles and others will serve in lesser roles—in fact, he explains in another letter that ALL Christians are essential to the Body.

Each one is important and necessary for the Body to be fully functioning. (1 Corinthians 12:14-31)

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- The different vessels represent different kinds of people within the household.
- “Honorable” and “dishonorable” describe their use or condition, not the worth of the person.
- The context in verses 21–22 emphasizes **cleansing yourself, becoming useful to the Master, and pursuing righteousness.**

- The contrast is less about **ordinary vs. special people** and more about **available and useful vs. compromised and unsuitable**.
- He's using different kinds of vessels to show that **what matters is whether we are clean, faithful, and available for the Master's purposes**.

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Set apart (ἁγιάζω) as holy:

Separated from profane things and dedicated to God

- Matthew 6:9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, **hallowed** be your name."
- Matthew 23:17 "You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold **sacred**?"

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Set apart (ἁγιάζω) as holy:

- John 10:36 Do you say of him whom the Father **consecrated** and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?
- John 17:17 **Sanctify** them in the truth; your word is truth.

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Set apart as holy

Hallowed/filled with reverence/sacred/consecrated/sanctified

So, if I purge my life of irreverent babble and iniquity, I will be a clean and available vessel that is sanctified, filled with reverence, and

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Useful εὐχρηστος to the Master of the house:

Paul is the only NT author to use this Greek word, and he uses it to describe John Mark (2 Tim 4:11), and Onesimus (Phil 1:11)

Both were formerly dubbed “useless” and have become **useful** to Paul in his ministry.

How? They were cleansed & set apart!

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Oh, to be useful to the Master of the house!

“Dear Jesus,
I thank You that we must come
with **empty hands**. I thank You
that You have done all-all-on
the cross, and that all we need
in life or death is to be sure of
this.”

— *The Hiding Place*



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Ready for every good work:

Ephesians 2:10

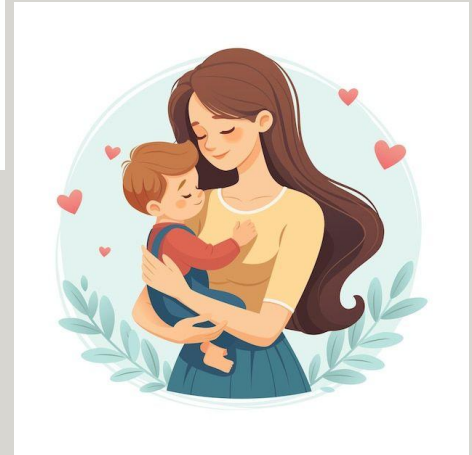
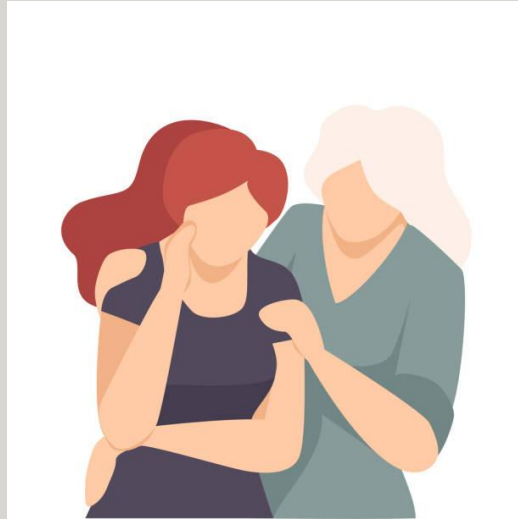
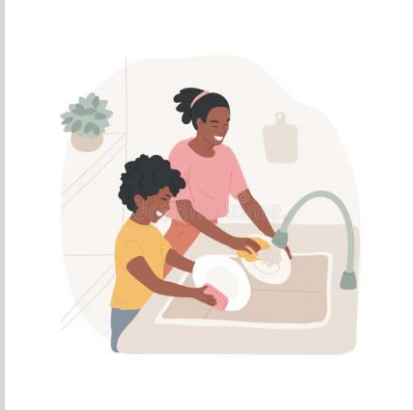
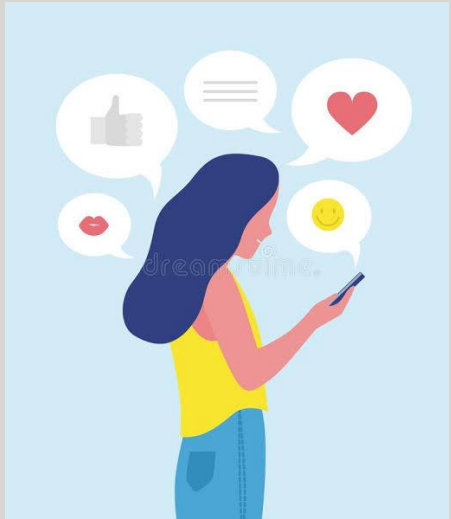
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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Set apart and ready for every good work God wants you to do



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Do I want to be useful? Am I just checking a block?

Where do I need to depart from iniquity?

Have I put up barriers so that I'm not being useful?

Have I been wondering why God is not using me instead of focusing on becoming the kind of vessel He can use? Clean, faithful, & ready.

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What good works have I been neglecting?

Or having a bad attitude about?

Am I ready for every good work or do I constantly make excuses for why I cannot help/serve/be there, etc.?

Am I rejecting the lie that I am useless to Christ's church?

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2 Timothy 2:22

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness,
faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the
Lord from a pure heart.

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So flee youthful passions

Command #11 Flee: run away from, avoid, escape from

Strategize: How can I make sure I stay away from _____?

Youthful passions: Lust, desire, a longing for something forbidden

What does running from lust look like for us in 2026?

- Personal boundaries: in singleness, in dating, in marriage
 - Alone in a home? Separated from the group? Running from lust does not toe the line. It stays as far away as possible from the line!
- Accountability
- Having an exit plan

What does running from lust look like for us in 2026?

- Willingness to gently call out inappropriate behavior/sin
- Guard your heart, mind, eyes, and ears: be careful what you consume! What you think about is what you become.
- Digital safeguards & boundaries for you and your family
 - Texting the opposite gender
 - Scrolling with filters/limits
 - Apps: use discernment

A short word about trying to be the object of lust

- You cannot be doing your best to flee forbidden desires while trying to encourage males to desire your body.
- Dressing attractively is not the same as dressing to attract.
- Think carefully before you post/send that picture: Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.
- Be willing to say something GENTLY when a sister is struggling in this area. RELATIONSHIP FIRST.

and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace,

Command #12

Pursue: to seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire

Righteousness: thinking, being, saying, & doing the right thing

Faith: trusting God more and more

Love: *agape* affection, good will, brotherly love

Peace: harmony with others

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So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace

Command 11 & 12 go hand in hand. Running away from temptation means I am **running towards** something else: Paul urges Timothy to run away from lust and run toward righteousness, faith, love, and peace.

Along with those who call on the Lord

The Christian life is not designed to be lived in isolation.

We need our sisters in Christ to encourage, equip, challenge, and correct us as we do life together.

From a pure heart:

We must be discerning: not everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will sharpen us (as iron) or pull us closer to Christ.

Pray carefully and often about who and what you allow to influence you.

Who can I run with? (Am I trying to run solo?)

Who will help me run away from forbidden desires?

Who will help me run toward doing right, trusting my God more, loving others better, and seeking peace with others?

Who am I helping run the race?

Is my heart pure so that others can run with me?

Am I fleeing forbidden desires?

What personal boundaries do I need to set and maintain?

What is my exit plan for digital or in-person temptation?

Is there something I'm consuming that I need to quit watching/reading/listening to/thinking about?

Am I trying to be an object of lust?

2 Timothy 2:23

Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies;
you know that they breed quarrels.

Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies

Command #13: Avoid foolish, ignorant controversies

How can we know if a controversy is foolish? Because we are not ignorant of what the Bible teaches.

Again, Paul is warning Timothy about how easy it is for people to argue about anything and everything.

2 Timothy 2:24-25a

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil,
²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness.

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome

Command #14: Don't be quarrelsome

Nit-picky

Defensive

Pot-stirrer

Argumentative

Always has to have her own way

Very opinionated

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but kind to everyone

Command #15: Be kind to everyone

- spouse
- children
- parents
- social media
- neighbors
- people at church

Everyone you
interact with!



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Command #16: Be able to teach

We are all called to teach (Matthew 28:19-20)

- Learn how to teach well
- Be willing and ready to teach
- Ask the Lord for opportunities

Command #17: Be patient when you are wronged

- Professionally: coworkers or superiors
- By your husband
- By your children
- By your friends
- By your church
- By horrible drivers/waiters, etc.

The world is **ready**
to be offended!

Command #18: Correct heretics gently

Being kind to everyone extends even to those who are preaching a false gospel. How we treat and speak to people caught up in error is incredibly important.

God is not looking for keyboard warriors. He will use the forbearing, kind vessel to reach the confused, the deceived, and the lost.

2 Timothy 2:25b-26

God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Why should I refuse to quarrel, be kind to everyone, be able to teach, be patient when I am wronged, and gently correct heretical teaching?

God may grant them **repentance**—a change in their thinking—leading them to the knowledge: **The Truth**.

Your obedience can be used by God to influence someone's thinking!

We must remember that people are not the enemy.

Lost people are caught in the traps of the Satan. They are enslaved by him to do his will.

Do you want to be a part of the escape route? Being **set apart** as holy allows us to be a part of the “Underground Railroad” rescue efforts!

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Let's wrap things up.

Set Apart in What I Believe

- Christ strengthens me with grace
- I need to have the mindset of soldiers, athletes, and farmers
- I must remember Christ the King conquered death & fulfilled His promises

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Let's wrap things up.

Set Apart in How I Live

- Use words to edify, not destroy with quarreling
- Do my best to be an approved worker
- Refuse to engage in ungodly discussions
- Stop sinning: depart from iniquity
- Be useful: clean, faithful, & ready for good works
- Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with other pure-hearted disciples

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Set Apart in How I Treat People

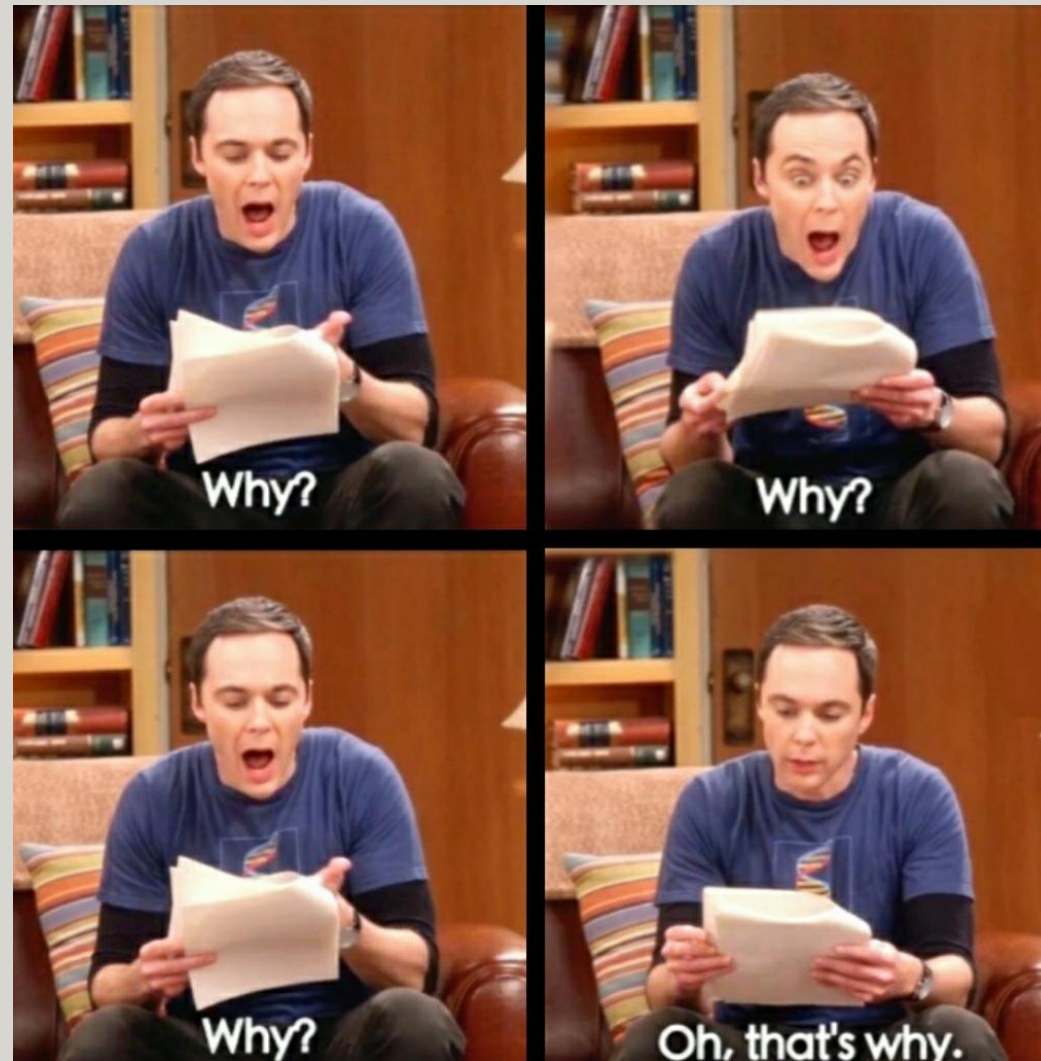
- Not quarrelsome, but kind to everyone
- Motivated & ready to teach others:
- Patient when wronged
- Gently correct false teachers

WHY LIVE A SET APART LIFE?

So souls get saved!

The purpose of being set apart is not to be holy for ourselves! We're not trying to create a perfect, safe little hideaway from the world. We're not trying to be different just to be different.

We are set apart as holy, ready to be used for whatever **GOD** wants us to do.



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Am I becoming a woman God can use for whatever He wants?

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