

*Let Us Not Get Sidetracked*  
*2 Timothy 2:14-19 & 22-26*

Standing for the truth of Christ in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ is important, but \_\_\_\_\_ we do so is also important. One false teaching Timothy faced was that the resurrection had already taken place. This seems worth fighting about, yet Paul urges Timothy \_\_\_\_\_ to get into these arguments. What is the right thing to do?

Our first obligation is not to \_\_\_\_\_ error but to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth. Paul emphasized this in Eph. 4:11-14. If more believers really gave themselves to the task of reading, understanding, and applying the word of God, false teaching would have a \_\_\_\_\_ getting a \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.

Peter taught in 1 Peter 3:15 that we refute lies by knowing and telling the truth, not by \_\_\_\_\_.

We need to know the Word, but also it helps to know a little about heresy. Repeatedly, Paul links false belief to ungodly, \_\_\_\_\_ behavior. False belief often arises from a desire to \_\_\_\_\_. If we fall into the trap of \_\_\_\_\_ over the false teaching, we are missing the point. The point is a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ in ungodliness.

But there is a right time to respond. Timothy is instructed not to quarrel but to \_\_\_\_\_, recognizing that a change of mind and heart will not come from \_\_\_\_\_ an argument but from God granting them \_\_\_\_\_ leading them to a knowledge of the truth.

What then are we called to do: love God, know His \_\_\_\_\_, share the \_\_\_\_\_, make disciples, and serve others in the name of Jesus. It all starts with \_\_\_\_\_ God's word.

The word translated "correctly handle" means to cut a \_\_\_\_\_ through difficult terrain. It is not getting \_\_\_\_\_ from the main truth of God's word—the good news of salvation in the name of Jesus.