

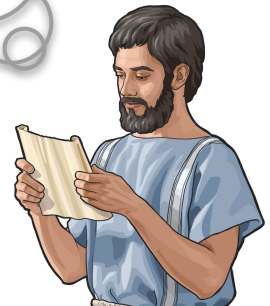


2 Timothy Chapter 2

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Vessels of Honor vs. False Teaching

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.³ Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.



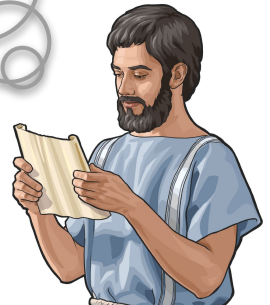
2 Timothy 2:1-4 (NIV)

⁵ Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.



2 Timothy 2:5 (NIV)

⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷
Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.



2 Timothy 2:6-7 (NIV)



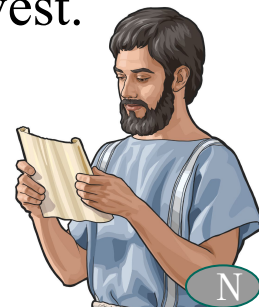
Like a Soldier who
obeys his
Commander &
Chief, Jesus



Like an Athlete who
follows the rules to
be qualified.

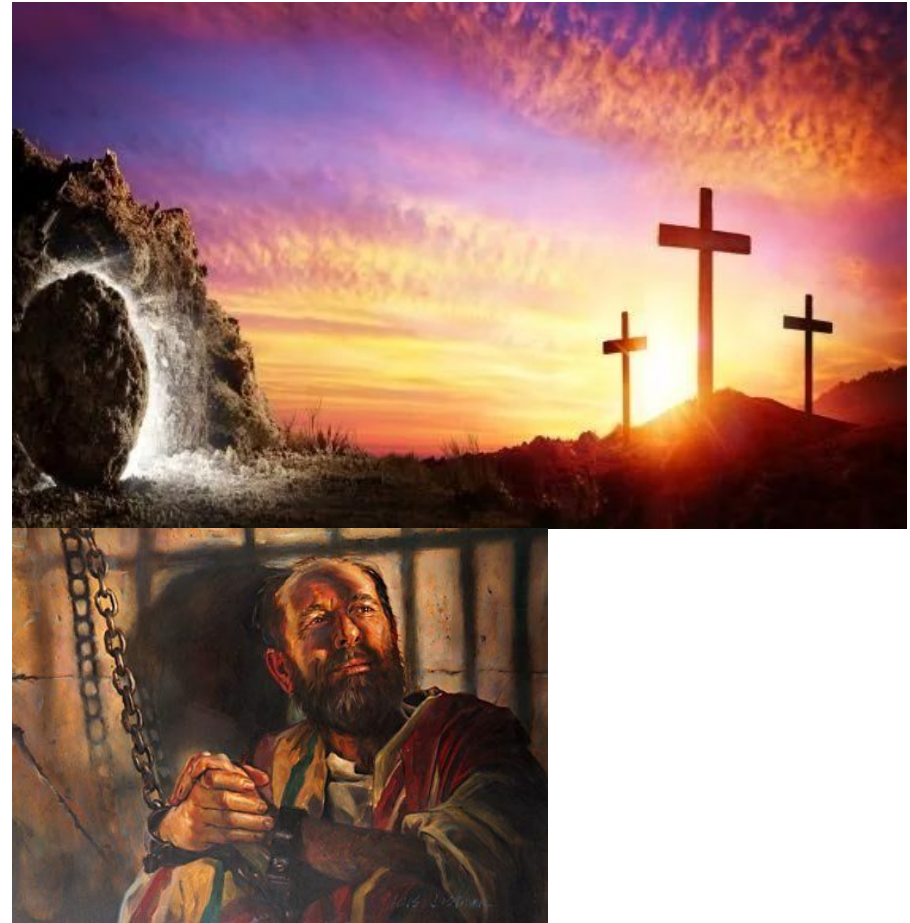


Like a hardworking
Farmer who looks
forward to the Harvest.



2 Timothy 2:1-7

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

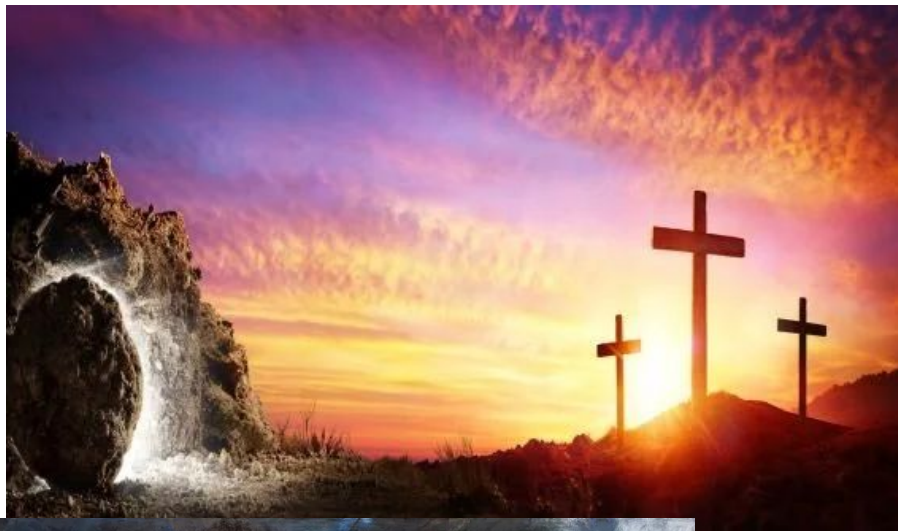


2 Timothy 2:8-10 (NIV)

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

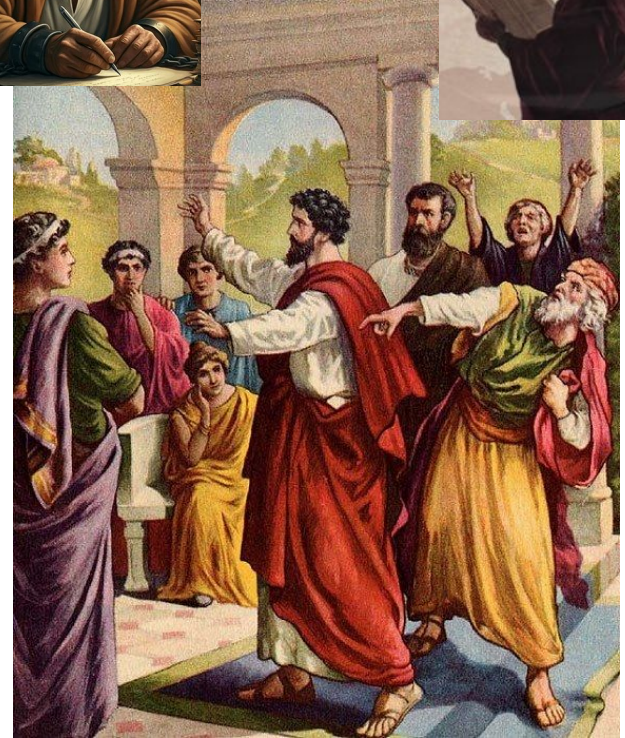
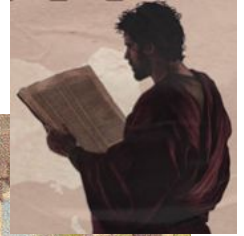
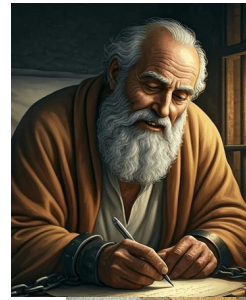
If we **died** with him,
we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure,
we will also reign with him.
If we disown him,
he will also disown us;
¹³ if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

2 Timothy 2:11-13 (NIV)



14 Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. 15 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. 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

2 Timothy 2:14-19 (NIV)



20 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. 21

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



2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NIV)

22 Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 25 Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.



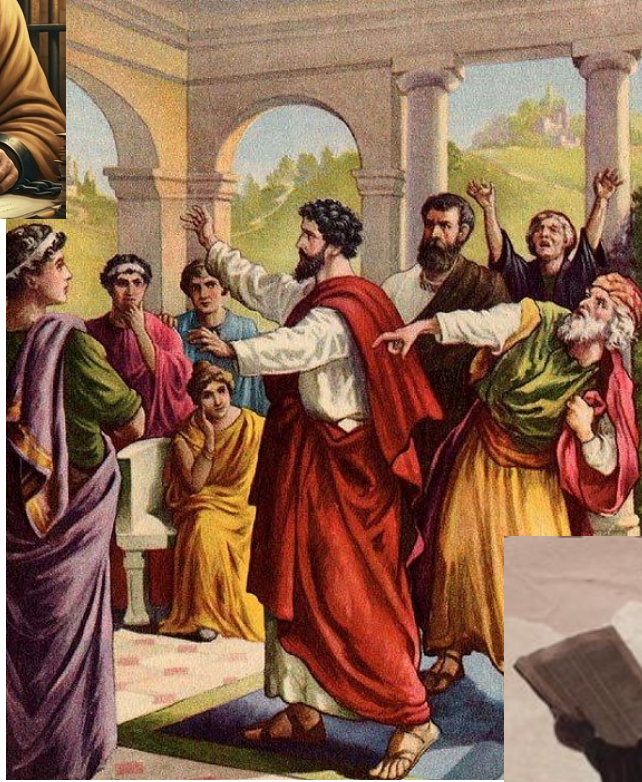
2 Timothy 2:22-26 (NIV)



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

2 Timothy 2:20-21 (ESV)

In ESV, verse 20 “The large house represents the Christian community; the vessels for dishonorable use represents the false teachers. The point of verse. 21 is that one should try to be an honorable vessel, useful to the Master. Timothy was to have nothing to do with the false teachers, in this way, he would be a vessel for noble purposes, made holy (set apart from common use), and useful to the master for honorable use; an instrument for noble purposes making good decisions founded on the Sound Doctrine of God’s Word.



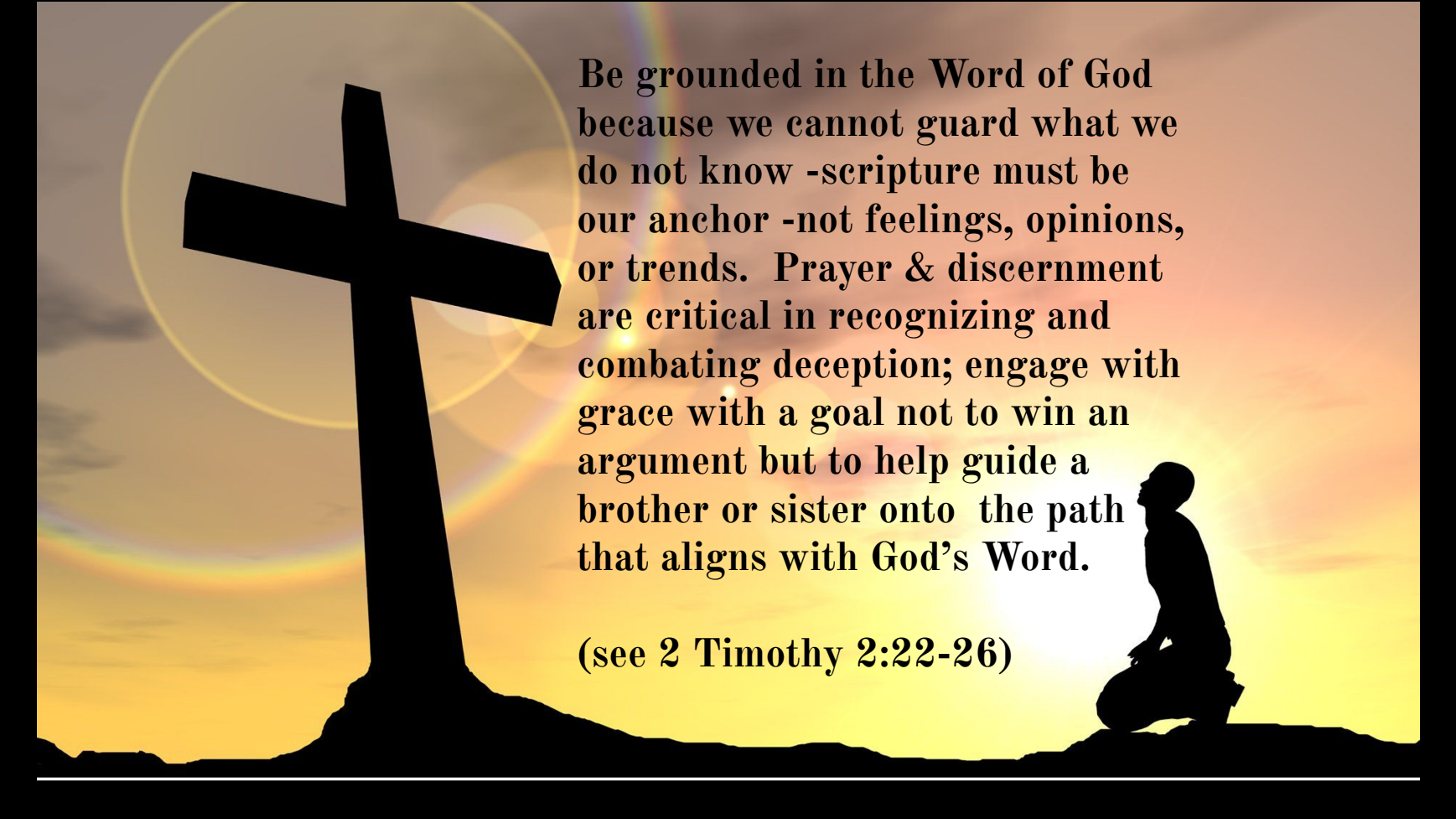
Paul specifically called out two false teachers names, Hymenaeus & Philetus, Hymenaeus was also mentioned by Paul back in 1 Timothy 1:20. These two believers became false teachers because they claimed the resurrection of believers already happened. Although Hymenaeus was expelled from the church community, he continued to influence believers through his instruction. It's important we have context by understanding the history of this time and how it relates today.



Pour out the false



Fill with God's Truth

The background of the slide features a silhouette of a large cross on the left and a person kneeling in prayer on the right. The scene is set against a vibrant sunset or sunrise sky, with a rainbow visible in the background. The text is centered in the upper right portion of the image.

**Be grounded in the Word of God
because we cannot guard what we
do not know -scripture must be
our anchor -not feelings, opinions,
or trends. Prayer & discernment
are critical in recognizing and
combating deception; engage with
grace with a goal not to win an
argument but to help guide a
brother or sister onto the path
that aligns with God's Word.**

(see 2 Timothy 2:22-26)



GOD'S BIG STORY



Therefore, let us take
Paul's words to heart,
and be a generation
that guards the truth
with love and
conviction for the
Glory of God.





Q&A

1. What word did Paul use to compare Hymenaeus and Philetus teaching in which it will spread like and why?

Answer:

He compared it to gangrene, an infection if left untreated or unchecked will spread and kill the body, just like false teaching, starts small but if left unchecked will mislead and deceive many away from the truth.

2. What did Paul mean when he said to Timothy to guard the truth or guard the good deposit?

Answer:

The Greek word used here, *phyllassō*, means “to protect from loss or damage.” Timothy must protect the church from false teachers and their instruction. The “good deposit” refers to the gospel message. Paul urges Timothy to pass on his teaching to others with no alterations and to guard it from being misused and misinterpreted, to protect its true and original meaning. Hymenaeus and Philetus were altering the gospel message.

3. How should believers respond to those who oppose the truth, and what is the goal of such a response?

Answer:

According to 2 Timothy 2:25 Paul says, “Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth.”

In other words, to correct with gentleness, though confrontation was necessary, it had to be handled with humility aiming for restoration, not division. Unfortunately, when Hymenaeus and Philetus were removed from the Christian community, they continued to mislead and teach false doctrine.

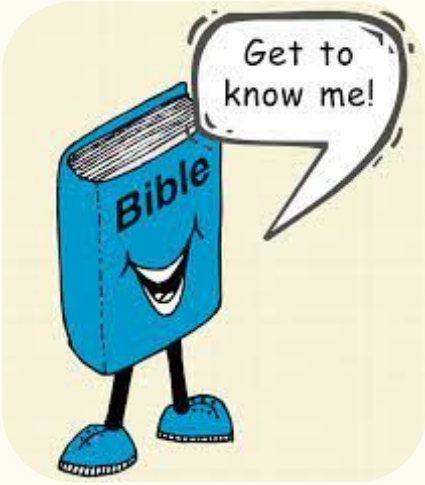
4. What is the framework of God's Story?

Answer:

The framework of God's Story from the beginning to eternity:

Creation, to the Fall of Man, to Redemption, to Restoration.

Hymenaeus & Philetus were teaching a false doctrine that was corrupting God's framework of "restoration" by preaching the Christian believers already had their resurrected bodies which confused the believers because it took their hope of Christ's return and being resurrected with him.



For Next Week:



- Read 2 Timothy 3
- Have at least one question or one thought you had from the reading