

“Approved to God”

Intro: By this text we learn how we are to fight the good fight of the _____. In the face of false teachings we are to uphold the truth of _____ by being repetitious (v. 14), _____ (v. 15), resistant (vs. 16-18), and reassured (v. 19).

I. Be repetitious. _____ the gospel over and over.

A. The _____ of Christ has been accurately passed from Christ to Paul, Paul to Timothy, Timothy to others, and others to us even as we have God’s Word in Written Form. _____ repetition of the gospel is the method by which the gospel is circulated and its purity maintained. Accurate repetition of the Christ’s Gospel _____ the error of false teachers and their false gospels.

B. Wrangling about words (joining word battles) is useless! Further it is destructive to the hearer while it also distracts the believer who rather than wrangling is to repeat true _____ of Christ - which _____ the hearer.

II. Be ready! One must _____ themselves in Gospel Truth!

A. One readies themselves to accurately minister the Word of Truth through diligence of study, application, and prayer. The one who does this is approved _____ and is neither distracted nor put to shame by their inadequacy. They _____ for *the good of the hearer* and the exaltation of Christ!

III. Be resistant! We _____ by repeating and being readied in the Gospel of Christ.

A. We are to _____ to get drawn into the useless _____ of the false teachers whether in unprofitable discussions or in wasting our and our hearers’ time by refuting them ad infinitum. Instead we must _____ ourselves and our hearers to the indoctrination of the rightly handled Word of _____.

B. Giving time and audience to false teachers is to give time and audience to ungodliness which furthers the opportunity for ungodliness. We share in the sin of others if we errantly become the means by which error is spread! We must _____ the worldly chatter of false teachers, resisting the highly infectious nature of _____.

C. How dangerous are false teachers! Being readied in the gospel we resist the false teachers by refusing to enter into their empty discussions and senseless arguments. We are to _____ them _____ the Word of _____!

IV. Be Reassured! The firm foundation of _____!

A. The church will stand for she is established and built upon the firm _____ of God: the Lord Jesus Christ!! Our gospel ministry is guaranteed success for such ministry proclaims Christ the Rock and not even the gates of hell will overpower _____ or _____.

B. We are reassured by this: that as we are repetitious with the Gospel of Christ, and as we are readied to accurately pronounce the Word of Truth, and as we are ever resistant to the false teachers and their false wicked ways that through it all Christ will remain and His church will stand. _____ His own, and we will know them by their fruit! What comfort to know that we cannot fail as we carry out the ministry of the Word of Truth.

Finally then: There's nothing new under the sun. The enemies of God have been from the beginning until now, and will be 'til the end of days.

The ordained way the _____ of God silence the false teachers is by repeating the gospel, by readying themselves in the gospel, and by resisting the false teachers and their arguments. We do not seek to argue with false teachers thereby giving them voice but we _____ Christ's _____ by which God silences them. Our focus is not false teachers and their teachings but the gospel of God which denounces them.

This is a very practical teaching that we exercise by faith in God. As Christ the Firm Foundation of God stands we are reassured that He will build His church through our gospel ministry. _____ His own and they will follow after Him. Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ, abstain from wickedness, and pronounce the gospel!

Onward Christian Soldier! _____ out your _____ calling!

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