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— 2 TIMOTHY —

# “Enemies of Endurance”

## 2 Timothy 2:14-26

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## 2 Timothy 2:14-16

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

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## 2 Timothy 2:17-19

17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. 19 But 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."

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## 2 Timothy 2:20-21

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, [d] 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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## 2 Timothy 2:22-24

22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant[e] must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil,

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## 2 Timothy 2:25-26

25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. 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.

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8 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, 20 among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:18-20

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20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you.  
Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what  
is falsely called “knowledge,” 21 for by professing it  
some have swerved from the faith.

Grace be with you.

1Timothy 6:20-21

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C. God's Word can correct our course. (v. 15)

“We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and to overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior.”

— John R.W. Stott

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16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God[b] may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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## II. Personal Sin Can Sideline You.

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A. On the team but not in the game. (v. 19-21)

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B. What to do when your on the bench. (v 21a)

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<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24

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8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 1:8-10

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## II. Personal Sin Can Sideline You.

A. On the team but not in the game. (19-20)

B. What to do when your on the bench. (v. 21a)

C. Confess and Repents can put you back in the game. (v. 21b)

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

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### III. Spiritual Opponents Want Us To Play Their Game.

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### III. Spiritual Opponents Want Us To Play Their Game.

<b>Their Game</b>	<b>Our Game</b>
Swerving	Straight
Quarreling and Controversy	Clarity and Unity
Poison and Youthful Passions	Righteousness, Faith, Peace
Pride	Humility
Lead Astray	Lead Repetance





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