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## Words with Friends 2 Timothy 2:14-26 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

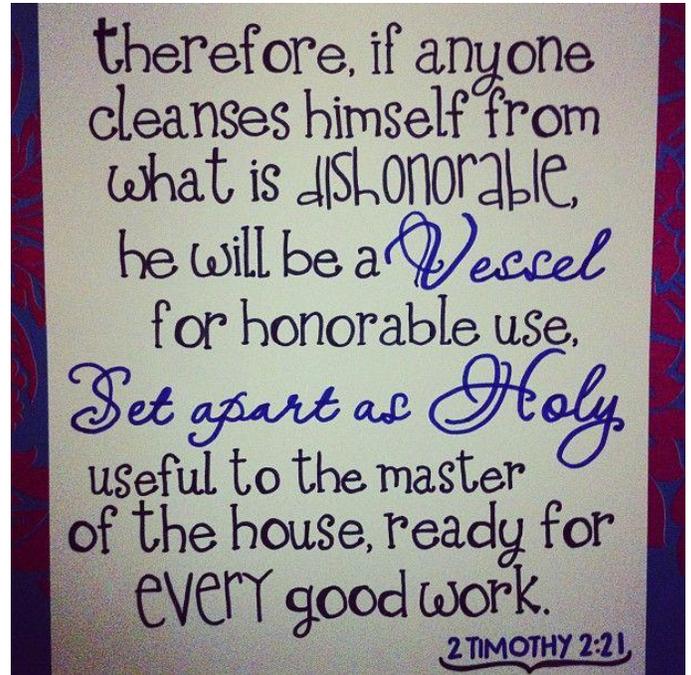
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Have you ever said something only to wish you could take it back? I think we all have. Words are a powerful tool in our lives and in our ministries and once they are out they are hard to take back. In this week's section in 2 Timothy we see Paul describe the importance of words. He calls on Timothy to be careful in how he teaches the Word of God. He also gives the instruction not to engage in meaningless or worldly chatter. This week we will talk about how we can avoid meaningless debates and in doing so be a vessel that God can use for honorable use.

## 2 Timothy 2:14-26 New English Translation

<sup>14</sup> Remind people of these things and solemnly charge them before the Lord not to wrangle over words. This is of no benefit; it just brings ruin on those who listen. <sup>15</sup> Make every effort to present yourself before God as a proven worker who does not need to be ashamed, teaching the message of truth accurately. <sup>16</sup> But avoid profane chatter, because those occupied with it will stray further and further into ungodliness, <sup>17</sup> and their message will spread its infection like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are in this group. <sup>18</sup> They have strayed from the truth by saying that the resurrection has already occurred, and they are undermining some people's faith. <sup>19</sup> However, God's solid foundation remains standing, bearing this seal: "**The Lord knows those who are his,**" and "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from evil."

<sup>20</sup> Now in a wealthy home there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also ones made of wood and of clay, and some are for honorable use, but others for ignoble use. <sup>21</sup> So if someone cleanses himself of such behavior, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart, useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. <sup>22</sup> But keep away from youthful passions, and pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love, and peace, in company with others who call on the Lord from a pure heart. <sup>23</sup> But reject foolish and ignorant controversies, because you know they breed infighting. <sup>24</sup> And the Lord's slave must not engage in heated disputes but be kind toward all, an apt teacher, patient, <sup>25</sup> correcting opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance and then knowledge of the truth <sup>26</sup> and they will come to their senses and escape the devil's trap where they are held captive to do his will.

### 🕯 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?
  
5. What is emphasized?
  
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
  
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. What leads to ungodliness?
  
9. What behaviors must be cleansed so that you are for honorable use?
  
10. Are those for ignoble use still in the house of God?
  
11. How does the passage say false teaching should be corrected?
  
12. Give a three word title for this section highlighting its main idea.

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

13. How can we make sure we don't stray from teaching the truth?

14. What determines if you will be used as a gold or silver or wood or clay vessel?

15. Does God use us all? Honorable and ignoble?

16. When is a biblical point worth a debate?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES