

Standing Strong

In a fallen World

2 Timothy 2:14-19

“Faithfulness in Ministry”

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A. A Helpful Reminder



***“I urged you when I went into Macedonia—
remain in Ephesus that you may charge
some that they teach no other doctrine,⁴ nor
give heed to fables and endless genealogies,
which cause disputes rather than godly
edification which is in faith.”***

-1 Timothy 1:3-4 (NKJV)



“But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.”

-Titus 3:9 (NKJV)



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*"A soft answer turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.*

*² The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness."*

-Proverbs 15:1-2 (NKJV)



"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ."

-Galatians 1:10 (NKJV)



“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

-Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)



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"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

-Hebrews 4:12-13 (NKJV)



“Judge not, that you be not judged.”

-Matthew 7:1 (NKJV)



"Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. ⁶ Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces."

-Matthew 7:1-6 (NKJV)



*"Do not judge according to appearance, but
judge with righteous judgment."*

-John 7:24 (NKJV)



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2. Walk in the Narrow Way

