

2 Timothy

Keeping the Faith

Answering Apostates

INTRO: Paul previously mentioned two Apostates by name (1:15). Their continued relationship with church members may have been causing confusion, inciting conflict, and increasing defections. Timothy needed a strategy to cancel the damage they were inflicting.

I. The _____ has been entrusted with _____.

Paul encouraged Timothy to **retain** sound words and **guard** the Gospel (1:13-14) and to **communicate** the truth to others (2:2).

II. _____ will argue with Believers over _____.

Apostates are **defectors** from the faith (whether physically or ideologically). The arguments concern theology (Biblical truth). How does a Believer, especially leaders, answer Apostates?

III. Answer _____ in God-glorifying fashion

(2:14-26). We **MUST** answer challenges to the Truth, but **HOW** we answer is critical to our witness. After warning three times about the dangerous nature of these engagements, he shares a three-fold strategy.

A. _____ (2:14-15).

B. _____ (2:16-22).

C. _____ (2:23-26).