

Stick with the Bible

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I. Introduction.

- A. Most Christians are people who just blow a lot of steam.
- B. The kind of Christian Paul speaks about is one who stayed on track - sticking with the Bible.
- C. Text: 2 Timothy 2:8.

II. To stay on track there are things to do.

- A. We all have an immense need that someone trust us. Those people who have the greatest impact on us are the ones that show us trust.
- B. Paul reminds Timothy of his firm background.
- C. Paul emphasizes supremely in this text Jesus Christ so Timothy would keep his thoughts on Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Christ understands us.
 - 2. Christ sympathizes with us when we are misunderstood.
 - 3. To remember Jesus Christ is the all conquering attitude of the soul.
 - 4. The posture of sure defeat is neglecting to remember Jesus Christ.
 - 5. We are to remember Christ risen from the dead - He is both God and man. God has revealed Himself to man through Jesus Christ. (Romans 1)
 - 6. A good life is a witness, but it must be accompanied by words.
- D. The Word of God cannot be shackled.
- E. Paul could not be beat because of his hope in Christ - if we are faithless, he remains faithful. (Romans 8)
 - 1. The heart of the ministry is claiming promises in prayer.
 - 2. God is faithful to His promises.
 - 3. God sends us by name. (John 1:6)

III. To stay one track there are things to avoid.

- A. Avoid disputing about words.

1. Relationship with God is what is primary.
2. The standard should be whether the words build up the hearers.
3. Worthless chatter leads to ungodliness.

B. Avoid meaningless arguments.

1. We are to win people not arguments.
2. The problem is not the head but the heart.

C. Shun youthful passions.

IV. How to keep on the main road.

- A. Be a living embodiment of the truth. Understanding comes by obedience. (John 7:17)
- B. Keep off the bypaths by rightly handling the Scriptures.

Application questions

1. Why are we to remember Jesus Christ according to the speaker?

2. What things can we avoid in life? In what manner can we avoid them?

3. Of the things to stay on track with and the things to avoid, which to you struggle with the most? What might you do this week to spur personal growth in this area?
