

TO TIM | Week 2

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Have you ever thought about a _____ (car, tv, computer, house) and all the little parts that go into it? Yeah, you have the finished product, but have you thought about the small pieces that go into it?

Could you be that piece for someone else? The oil plug never really gets praise or recognition until something goes wrong with it.

And at the same time there are a lot of things that go into making that plug work properly. Right size, material, threading, placed in the right spot.

Are you that part in someone's salvation story?

In **2 Timothy 2** Paul gives this list to Timothy of things Christians need to be doing. This is being part.

- **2 Timothy 2:25b-26** says That God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil after being captured by him to do his will
 - o Are we being the part that we need to be?
- I tried to break this down into 4 categories that Paul gives us
- How do you live your public life?
 - o **Vs 14:** Don't quarrel about words
 - don't engage in debates.
 - Conversations are good but arguments are not
 - MacArthur says this... "It is obvious that no debate can be carried on effectively when the 2 sides argue from completely opposite and contradictory presuppositions. Unbelievers put no stock in the divine authority of God's Word, and believers should put no stock in the presumed authority of men's words. No matter how biblically sound their arguments may be in themselves, Christians who debate with unbelievers inadvertently allow scripture to be considered on the same level as human wisdom."
 - o **Vs 16:** avoid irreverent babble
 - don't engage with empty philosophies - false teaching
 - it compounds on itself
 - **Ryan Rosenquist story**
 - o **Vs 21:** Separate from dishonorable things
 - cleanses from
 - o **Vs 23:** don't have anything to do with foolish/ignorant controversies
 - talk about scripture and theology
 - stay clear of the discussions that lead to quarrels. The ones that undermine, doubt, weaken scripture

- **Ex:** if God wasn't real, if the bible didn't say that
- How do you live your Private life- what does this have to do with evangelism? It effects joy, it effects the heart and what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart
 - **Vs 22:** Flee youthful passions
 - flee means to continually run. It's an ongoing thing.
 - Our hearts are evil so we must be persistent in fleeing
 - If we are racing what is the one way to ensure you win. To run faster. And if I start running faster you run faster
 - Sometimes attacks are stronger than others, but we must continue to run.
 - He is not just talking about sexual sin. It includes seeking wealth, power, jealousy, envy...
 - **Vs 22:** pursue Righteousness
 - run from youthful passions and run to righteousness and being like Christ
 - faith
 - is your faith growing?
 - love
 - love of God | love of people
 - peace
 - ridding conflict and strife with people in your heart
- How do you treat others?
 - **Vs 24:** Don't be quarrelsome
 - don't be someone who stirs up arguments
 - **Vs 24:** be kind
 - is this a way that people describe you?
 - **Vs 25:** Correct with gentleness
 - it's not about being harsh and slamming someone in the head with the bible it's about being gentle with someone
 - example yelling at someone; cussing
- How you handle scriptural things.
 - **Vs 15:** Rightly handle scripture
 - cut it straight
 - know how to use it
 - **Vs 15:** Presents as one approved to God.
 - **Vs 24:** Able to teach
 - can you effectively communicate God's word?

All these things are things we need to be striving for in our life.