



WEEK 17 | NICK CARNES

All Scripture is in the Christian Standard Bible (CSB), unless noted differently.

2 Timothy 2:14 Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to fight about words. This is useless and leads to the ruin of those who listen.

Choose wisely the _____ you _____ die on

Ephesians 2:8-9 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift—⁹ not from works, so that no one can boast.

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.

James 3:1 Not many should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we will receive a stricter judgment.

2 Timothy 2:16-18 Avoid irreverent and empty speech, since those who engage in it will produce even more godlessness,¹⁷ and their teaching will spread like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are among them.¹⁸ They have departed from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and are ruining the faith of some.

The Christian's words should be _____ not _____

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, bearing this inscription: The Lord knows those who are his, and let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness.

NOTES

GO DEEPER

This week, read the Scriptures from Sunday and answer these questions:

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? Did you gain any new insights?
2. Why do you think Christians often elevate non-essential issues to the level of essential doctrines? Have you ever personally experienced division over a secondary issue?
3. The sermon says, "*Choose wisely the hills you must die on.*" What are some examples of essential truths worth standing firmly on, and what are some examples of issues Christians should show more grace and flexibility about?
4. Read 2 Timothy 2:14–15 together. What does it look like in everyday life to "*correctly teach the word of truth*" while also avoiding foolish arguments?
5. The sermon warns that our words can either be profitable or poisonous. In what ways can gossip, sarcasm, online arguments, or prideful speech damage our witness and relationships?
6. The sermon discussed how social media and online voices are discipling many people today. How can Christians grow in discernment and make sure they are being shaped more by God's Word than by internet culture?
7. Read 2 Timothy 2:19 together. What does it practically mean to "*turn away from wickedness*" as followers of Jesus, and what are some areas where believers today are tempted to compromise holiness?