

Living Above the Fray

Approved: other options

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¹⁴ Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. ¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will

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Spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,¹⁸ who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

Approved by God Because:

1. They have a hunger for the word of God
2. They have a desire to know what the word means.
3. They have a desire to conform to the pattern of the word.

Considering the context

1. Quarreling about words (v.14)
2. Godless chatter (vv. 16-18)
 - Leads to progressive ungodliness
 - The effect is like gangrene

The Antidote (v 19)

- The foundation is sure:
 - The Lord knows his own
 - Those who *know* God turn from evil

To Go . . .

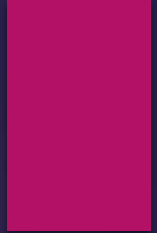
- What do your words reveal about your commitment to Christ?
- How have you been impacted by the words of others in your life?
- What difference would it make if the Holy Spirit were to put a watch on your lips?



Ephesians 3

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom his whole family in heaven
and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that
out of his glorious riches he may strengthen
you with power through his Spirit in your
inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being
rooted and established in love,¹⁸
may have power, together with
all the saints, to grasp how wide
and long and high and deep is
the love of Christ,¹⁹ and to know
this love that surpasses
knowledge—that you may be
filled to the measure of all the
fullness of God.



²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14–21