

## Verses: 2 Timothy 2:8; 14-15 NIV

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,

<sup>14</sup>Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

I love Paul's love of the gospel. In every letter of his he makes sure to clarify the gospel message and bring the focus back to Jesus. To the church at Corinth he wrote, "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2)

When we stay focused on Jesus, who He is and what He did for us, we can't really go wrong. We will not easily go into error, like some of those in Ephesus did. Paul says they departed from the truth and occupied themselves with godless chatter and arguments over words.

Paul goes on to instruct Timothy to be diligent to study the Word of God, so that he can understand and teach it accurately, without going into error.

The gospel is all about Jesus. He is the central focus of all Scripture and Biblical doctrine, the fulfilment of the Old and the object of New Testament. He is the central character of history as the Saviour of the world. He ended our separation from God and made a way for us to be united with Him for eternity, through the shedding of His divine blood for us and His resurrection from the dead. He destroyed the power of death, hell, sin and the grave and is alive today!

All our study of the Word should revolve around and point us to the person and work of Jesus. Let us remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead and descended from David and keep Him at the centre of our lives, Bible study, work and ministry.

May we be mindful of Him as we go through our day today.

## Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for your beautiful Son, Jesus. Thank you for saving us and reconciling us to yourself through His eternal sacrifice. Help us to be mindful of Him and keep Him at the centre of our lives, work and ministry. Help us to honour Him with our actions and learn about Him through your Word. May we become more like Jesus every day, in Jesus' name. Amen.