

Notes For: A Prescription With A Purpose

(1) The Purposeful Prescription (2 Timothy 2:14-15)

- >> embracing the good start: an unwavering focus upon the Word of God (2:15)
- >> avoiding the bad start: shutting down distractions (2:14)
- >> **Application:** How you start does determine how you finish (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

(2) The Underlying Premise (2 Timothy 2:16-18)

- >> confronting heretical teaching (2:18)
- >> calling out heretical teachers (2:17)
- >> **Application:** Doctrinal integrity matters (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

(3) The Prudent Precaution (2 Timothy 2:19a)

- >> hesitant on the one hand, even though certain on the other
- >> an example to follow: calling out false teaching w/o condemning as non-Christian
- >> **Application:** The Lord knows our hearts (1 Corinthians 4:1-5)

(4) The Primary Point (2 Timothy 2:19b)

- >> pivotal to the passage (“believing/behaving”)
- >> foundational to the faith (a common deception)
- >> **Application:** Saved by faith for good works (Ephesians 2:8-10)

(5) The Contrasting Positions (2 Timothy 2:20)

- >> false teaching diminishes your testimony
- >> false teaching diminishes your usefulness
- >> **Application:** What kind of vessel do you want to be?

(6) The Necessary Process (2 Timothy 2:21-22)

- >> learning/cleansing: learning the Word of God in order to cleanse from unrighteousness
- >> living/serving: living the Word of God in order to be used of God
- >> **Application:** Counting the cost (Luke 14:25-35)

(7) The Tragic Pretense (2 Timothy 2:23-26)

- >> deceiving and being deceived (2 Timothy 3:13)
- >> “misleading many” (Matthew 24: 4,5,11,24)
- >> **Application:** The sign of our time (1 Timothy 4:1)

(8) My Personal Promise (2 Timothy 2:24-25)

- >> the substance: teaching that is correctional in hope (“if perhaps”) of repentance
- >> the style: kind, patient and gentle in dealing with a demonically delusional individual
- >> **Application:** Speaking the truth with love (Ephesians 4:15)

CONCLUSION:

The current condition of American Evangelical Christianity is in dire need of repentance from having gone so far astray. The time for following the above prescription for my generation has come and gone. We are in need of a major spiritual surgery which only God can perform.