

**Part 9: Correcting Opponents**

**2 Timothy 2:19-26**



1. Before Jesus, was your sinful tendency to run *toward* conflict, or to run *from* it? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Fill in the blanks from the “Spiritual Principle” – Leaders \_\_\_\_\_ opponents with \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Read **2 Timothy 2:19-22**. What does it mean to “depart from iniquity”? \_\_\_\_\_

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a. Why does knowing we *belong to God* through Jesus move us to do this? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Why is it critical to not only *flee* from sin, but to also *pursue* godliness? Why must both go together? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Why will you be more useful to God the more you’re cleansed from sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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d. Share a recent example of God using you in a person’s life that was uniquely encouraging to you. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Read **2 Timothy 2:23**. How can you discern when these types of controversies are occurring? \_\_\_\_\_

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a. Why do they “breed quarrels”? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. How might you be tempted to engage in a “foolish, ignorant controversy”? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. How will you grow in having “nothing to do with” them? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Read **2 Timothy 2:24-26**. What would it look like if you were being “quarrelsome” with someone in your family or in our church? \_\_\_\_\_

a. Why is it critical to remember that I am “the Lord’s servant” when it comes to relating to opponents? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Explain how servants of Jesus must relate to those opposing them? \_\_\_\_\_

c. What happens when we relate to opponents with gentleness? \_\_\_\_\_

d. What *frees* me from feeling like I need to *force* others to agree with what Scripture commands? \_\_\_\_\_

e. How will **Matthew 5:11-12** help you to offer godly influence to those who oppose you? \_\_\_\_\_

f. How does **Romans 5:8-10** give you the right perspective when relating to opponents? \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Reflect.** What are the top ways you need to grow in relating to opponents so you can influence them for Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_