

IN IT TO WIN IT

Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (James 1:22 NIV)

SUMMARY

Adam Calabrese taught through 1 Timothy 6:3-10 in his teaching entitled “The War of Words” in our ongoing *In It to Win It* series. In the passage, Paul was explicitly warning and instructing Timothy to prepare for false teachers, their love of money, and their deceptive ways that were creeping in and destroying the faith of the Church.

APPLICATION

1. Words Matter.

- How have the words of others (encouragement, challenge, hate) impacted your life?
- “*And the Word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed!*” (Acts 19:20) How have you seen the power of the Lord’s Word change lives and/or circumstances?
- Why are we silent, at times, when we know the Lord’s Word could help someone?

2. Sound doctrine must be contended for, as the enemy is always working to corrupt it!

- Define: Sound doctrine. What is it? Why is it important?
- We are being conditioned to believe that by being nice and non-confrontational we will win souls to Christ. Why is this conditioning a corruption of sound doctrine?
- How has the ‘theology of niceness’ affected *your* ability to love others well?
- How can you identify and guard yourself against the false teachings you’ll experience?

3. Immediate withdrawal from these. (see verse 5 in NKJV)

- Who does Paul say to immediately withdraw from conversation with? What can be accomplished by doing this?
- How does this differ from having a conversation with a non-believer who has challenging questions or doubts about the Gospel?

4. The love of money can have many forms: Greed, Fear of Loss, etc. [vs. 5-10]

- What other ways can the ‘love of money’ be portrayed in someone’s life?
- When has the ‘fear of loss’ kept you from living out Truth in your workplace? Explain.
- How does the notion of *contentment* challenge the materialistic culture of today?

PRAYER

God, please strengthen and develop me to be a mighty soldier in Your service...that I would be more engaged in the war of words.

