

# “They Overthrow the Faith of Some”

*2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15-19*



## 1 Timothy 1:18-20

<sup>18</sup> This charge I commit unto thee, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to thee, that by them thou mayest war the good warfare; <sup>19</sup> holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust from them made shipwreck concerning the faith: <sup>20</sup> of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I delivered unto Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme. [ASV]

## 2 Timothy 2:15-19

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. <sup>16</sup> But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. <sup>17</sup> And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, <sup>18</sup> who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”

# How Do They Overthrow Faith?

- They stray from the message of truth
  - Remember: Faith comes by hearing word of God
  - Destroying faith starts by taking focus off the word
  - **Mark 7:6-9**
  - **2 Timothy 3:16 – 4:5**
- They teach another doctrine that seems harmless
  - Once focus off God's word, ready to introduce error
  - Most effective to first introduce what seems harmless
  - **Galatians 1:6-9**
  - **2 John 9-11**

# How Do They Overthrow Faith?

- Error metastasizes to attack other parts of faith
  - Error never stagnant – grows worse (**2 Tim. 3:13**)
  - **1 Corinthians 15:12-19**
  - **Galatians 5:1-6**
  - There are no “safe” or “harmless” changes to word
- A heart once solid in faith is overthrown
  - When once faithful soul strays, the effect is tragic
  - **1 Timothy 1:18-20**
  - **Jude 11-13**
  - **2 Peter 2:20-22**

# What Prevents the Overthrowing of Faith?

- “Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands”
  - God’s word is always the solid foundation
  - **Luke 6:46-49**
- Applications of this truth
  - “No big deal if say Genesis 1-2 figurative”
  - “Don’t believe Calvinism, but some truth...”
  - “Saying ‘One True Church’ is too narrow”