

“ENDORSED BY”

2 TIMOTHY 2:14-19

When it comes to the Bible, there is an altogether different standard of acceptance. Instead of sons of men rubber-stamping their endorsement, we have the Son of Man doing so. Only His endorsement matters.

GOD-APPROVED STATUS

① Talk _____ (2:14)

Three guidelines to do so:

1. Avoid _____ (Prov. 10:19; 15:1; 16:28; 26:20)
2. Speak _____ (Prov. 11:12; 13:3; 15:23,28; 25:11)
3. Build ____ (Prov. 10:11; 12:18; 15:4; 16:24)

As an ambassador, you have a message to proclaim and you do so best when _____ and _____ are in great supply.

② Walk _____ (2:15)

It is not enough to know the truth; you must also exercise the truth in the mundane moments of life. Though God has ordered your steps; you have the privilege to _____ them in faithful obedience.

Have you left the riches of His Word in the attic and continue to function day to day with far less than what you could be tapping into?

③ Live _____ (2:16)

It's hard to rescue your land if you yourself need rescued.

You who have been made _____ by the Great Physician must take that _____ to the sick and dying world you temporarily reside in.

CONCLUSION

You have a choice – to talk, walk and live God-approved lives. If that does not happen, if you continue on a slippery slope, disappointment and destruction lies just ahead.

Though called to be seekers of truth and speakers of truth, there are roads to depart from truth. It's a danger you can veer into if you begin to inject experience, emotion and human wisdom.

When things seem to be falling down or tearing apart, you have One who mans the control tower and safely navigates you back onto the runway and into the terminal. God takes His stand; He calls you to take a stand!