

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:22-26 (NIV)

My Witness

Do you want to be my witness in the world? Do you want me to use your life to draw others to me? Do you want to bear an abundance of fruit for my kingdom? Do you want to bring glory to my name? Yes, I want to be your witness in the world. Yes, I do want you to use my life to draw others to you. I would like nothing better than to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. It is my highest priority and strongest desire to fully live the life you have called me to live. **That is very good. What must you do if you want all these things to be true and come into being in your life?** I can think of several things. **Go ahead, I'm listening.** I must flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace so I can call on you with a pure heart. **That is true.** I must guard against being drawn into foolish and stupid arguments. **Why is that?** Foolish and stupid arguments lead to quarreling. Quarreling will make me ineffective as a witness for you in the world. **How so?** People are not drawn to a quarreler. People are repulsed by a quarrelsome person. If I am quarrelsome, no one will want to listen to me. **That is also true. What must you be instead of being quarrelsome?** I must be kind and gentle. I must be willing to gently instruct others who need to know the truth. I must be willing to help others to break free from deceptive traps of the devil, so that they can turn from their sin and begin to love and follow and serve you. **Will you be this kind of person? Will you live this kind of life? Will you allow me to use you in these ways?** Yes, Heavenly Father, I will. **That will be very good. Then you will be my witness in the world. Then you will bear fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name.** Thank you, Heavenly Father.

Heavenly Father, I will flee the evil desires of youth. I will pursue righteousness, faith and love, so I can call on you with a pure heart. Help me to live the life you are calling me to live. Use me to kindly and gently minister to others so they can come to know you. Amen

Promises*A Pure Heart*

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NIV

2 Timothy 2:22-26

Promises*Pure Hearts*

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

NLT

2 Timothy 2:22-26

Promises*A Pure Heart*

Shun youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, correcting opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, and that they may escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

NRSV

2 Timothy 2:22-26

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Shun youthful lusts and flee from them, and aim at and pursue righteousness (all that is virtuous and good, right living, conformity to the will of God in thought, word, and deed); [and aim at and pursue] faith, love, [and] peace (harmony and concord with others) in fellowship with all [Christians], who call upon the Lord out of a pure heart. But refuse (shut your mind against, have nothing to do with) trifling (ill-informed, unedifying, stupid) controversies over ignorant questionings, for you know that they foster strife and breed quarrels. And the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome (fighting and contending). Instead, he must be kindly to everyone and mild-tempered [preserving the bond of peace]; he must be a skilled and suitable teacher, patient and forbearing and willing to suffer wrong. He must correct his opponents with courtesy and gentleness, in the hope that God may grant that they will repent and come to know the Truth [that they will perceive and recognize and become accurately acquainted with and acknowledge it]. And that they may come to their senses [and] escape out of the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him, [henceforth] to do His [God's] will.

AMP

2 Timothy 2:22-26

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Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

NASB

2 Timothy 2:22-26

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So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

ESV

2 Timothy 2:22-26

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Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

NKJV

2 Timothy 2:22-26

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Run away from infantile indulgence. Run after mature righteousness—faith, love, peace—joining those who are in honest and serious prayer before God. Refuse to get involved in inane discussions; they always end up in fights. God's servant must not be argumentative, but a gentle listener and a teacher who keeps cool, working firmly but patiently with those who refuse to obey. You never know how or when God might sober them up with a change of heart and a turning to the truth, enabling them to escape the Devil's trap, where they are caught and held captive, forced to run his errands.

MSG

2 Timothy 2:22-26

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Run from anything that gives you the evil thoughts that young men often have, but stay close to anything that makes you want to do right. Have faith and love, and enjoy the companionship of those who love the Lord and have pure hearts. Again I say, don't get involved in foolish arguments, which only upset people and make them angry. God's people must not be quarrelsome; they must be gentle, patient teachers of those who are wrong. Be humble when you are trying to teach those who are mixed up concerning the truth. For if you talk meekly and courteously to them, they are more likely, with God's help, to turn away from their wrong ideas and believe what is true. Then they will come to their senses and escape from Satan's trap of slavery to sin, which he uses to catch them whenever he likes, and then they can begin doing the will of God.

TLB

2 Timothy 2:22-26

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But run away from the evil young people like to do. Try hard to live right and to have faith, love, and peace, together with those who trust in the Lord from pure hearts. Stay away from foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they grow into quarrels. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, a good teacher, and patient. The Lord's servant must gently teach those who disagree. Then maybe God will let them change their minds so they can accept the truth. And they may wake up and escape from the trap of the devil, who catches them to do what he wants.

NCV

2 Timothy 2:22-26

A Pure Heart

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – 2 Timothy 2:22-26

In Context: *Read 2 Timothy 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Heavenly Father, I will flee the evil desires of youth. I will pursue righteousness, faith and love, so I can call on you with a pure heart. Help me to live the life you are calling me to live. Use me to kindly and gently minister to others so they can come to know you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you fleeing the evil desires of youth so you can pursue righteousness?

How will pursuing righteousness, faith, love and peace make you able to call on God with a pure heart?

How are you making sure that you do not get drawn into foolish and stupid arguments?

Why will being a quarrelsome person hinder your effectiveness as a witness for Christ in the world?

Why will being kind and gentle open doors of opportunity to minister to the needs of others?

When have you been able to instruct someone in a way that led them give their life to Jesus Christ?

How has the Lord used you to help someone break free from deceptive traps of the devil?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow God to use you to kindly and gently instruct others so that they will come to know Him.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will use your life as a witness to draw others to Jesus Christ.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how God is using you to minister to others who are in need.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you call on God out of a pure heart so you can live the life He has called you to live.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, I will call on you out of a pure heart so I can live the life you have called me to live.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, how can I live the life you have called me to live today?
