

Experiments In Christian Living

(2 Timothy 2:1-26)

- Introduction:
1. Our Christian life could be described as one grand experiment.
 2. Some days are absolute failures.
 - a. Some of those failures are because we did the wrong thing.
 - b. Some of them are because we did nothing at all.
 - c. "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work" – Thomas Edison.
 - d. "We often miss opportunity because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work" – Thomas Edison.
 3. But some days are great successes.
 4. Let's examine a few experiments we should try this week.

I. Be Strong In Grace

- A. (2 Timothy 2:1).
- B. (2 Peter 3:18).
- C. While we may work at growing in knowledge, how much attention have we given to growing in grace?

II. Follow The Rules

- A. (2 Timothy 2:5).
- B. I find it interesting that following the rules is mentioned right after grace.
- C. (1 Timothy 4:16).
- D. Ills. Brian Davis, lost one million dollars in a PGA tournament in 2010.

III. Some Messages Can Destroy

- A. (2 Timothy 2:17-19).
- B. Not all messages are equal.
- C. (Galatians 1:6-9).
- D. (2 Peter 2:1).
- E. (1 John 4:1).

IV. Avoid Silly Arguments

- A. (2 Timothy 2:14, 16, 23, 24).
- B. We need to lose a taste for conflict.
- C. We need to grow in gentleness, patience, and humility.

- Conclusion:
1. Go out and experiment this week.
 2. And if you're not yet a Christian, then test the Lord and see if he is good! (Romans 12:1; Psalm 34:8).