



2 Timothy 2:25-26

Repentance & Freedom From Satan

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Correction Hoping for Repentance

2 Timothy 2:25 (NASB)

with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

- Rather than speculations and word fights, we must gently correct those who oppose the truth
- The reason for patient instruction is the hope that God will grant repentance (Acts 5:31; 11:18)
- The fruit of repentance is the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4; Titus 1:1-2; 2 Cor. 7:10)

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Set Free From Satan

2 Timothy 2:26 (NASB)

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.

- Escape from the devil's bondage comes through repentance
- Repentance is granted by God through the means of patient correction through the word
- Repentance leads to the knowledge of the truth which sets people free

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Stay Awake and Be Concerned

Acts 20:31 (NASB)

Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

- Be on the alert is *gregoreo* (22 times in NT)
- This corresponds to the imperative (guard) vs 28
- The dangers are real, be on guard and awake
- Paul's example showed intense, personal teaching and care for each one
- He did not stop or get distracted

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The Church Is Protected by God

Acts 20:32 (NASB)

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

- 'Commend' is *paratithemi* which here means to 'entrust them to God for safekeeping' BDAG
- 'Word of His grace' is the gospel and the various implications thereof
- 'Build you up' -- the church is God's building
- 'Inheritance' is *kle_romomia* (Eph. 1:14; 1 Pt 1:4)

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