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2 Timothy 2:24-26

Gently Correct Those in Opposition
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**Speculations Are Never
a Solid Foundation**

2 Timothy 2:23-24 (NASB)
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,

- **Speculation is ze_te_sis** (philosophical inquiry)
- **When Scripture alone is the ground of Christian teaching we engage in exegesis, not speculation**
- **We have solid ground to patiently teach**

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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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