

2 TIMOTHY 2:22-23 (ESV)

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- 22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness,
faith, love, and peace,
along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
- 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies;
you know that they breed quarrels.

flee: *run away from*

passions: *desires*

pursue: *run toward (chase after)*

righteousness: *what is acceptable to God*

ignorant: *stupid*

controversies: *arguments*

breed: *cause*

2 TIMOTHY (PAUL'S LETTERS)

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DID YOU KNOW? The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to his friend Timothy. While Paul was in prison he wanted to encourage Timothy to remain strong in his faith and to continue to share the good news of Jesus, even when it was hard.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? Paul is writing to his younger friend Timothy. Paul tells him to run away from his sinful desires (like getting into arguments over silly things). Our desire to sin can be so powerful that Paul commands Timothy to flee it. But we cannot choose not to sin apart from Jesus. That's why Paul also instructs Timothy to pursue (to chase after) righteousness, faith, love, and peace. In other words, flee what is wrong and pursue what is right. Paul also tells Timothy that he is not alone in his fight against sin. He is to fight sin "along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart." These are other Christians. Believers are to help other believers fight sin together.