



“Get A Firm Grip”
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Talk It Over

Fan Into Flame
(Week 4)
Get A Firm Grip

Question: How do you get a firm grip on good news in a bad news world?

I. Get a firm grip on the living _____

II. Get a firm grip on the _____

III. Get a firm grip on _____ it

SMALL TALK

1. As a teenager whose approval did you seek most?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ 2 Timothy 2:14-26.** What are the main themes of this section of Paul’s letter?
3. What was Paul’s point when he used the illustration about the different sorts of articles that are used in a house? **(2:20-21)** Can you connect that point with what he said before **(2:19)** and after **(2:22)**?
4. What instructions are found throughout this section about pointless quarrels? **(2:14, 16-18, 23-26)**

GETTING PERSONAL

5. What sorts of things do we get into senseless arguments about that prove to be counterproductive to our main task of passing the Gospel Baton?
6. When are you tempted to engage in “godless chatter” or “stupid arguments”?
7. Of the four goals in verse 22, which one do you need to work on this week?

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

8. In view of VVCC’s 5 core statements listed below, what can you do to **“present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth” (2:15)** -- that is to say, who has a firm grip on the Good News Baton and is getting ready to pass it?
 1. Love God Wholeheartedly
 2. Do First Things First
 3. Don’t Do Life Alone
 4. Save People Serve People
 5. Followers Say, Follow Me!

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