

Contend for the Faith (*Letter to Pergamos*)

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Revelation 2:12-17

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the **SHARP SWORD** with **TWO EDGES**;

13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and **THOU HOLDEST FAST MY NAME**, and **HAST NOT DENIED MY FAITH, EVEN IN THOSE DAYS** wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, **WHO WAS SLAIN AMONG YOU**, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But **I HAVE A FEW THINGS AGAINST THEE, BECAUSE THOU HAST THERE THEM THAT HOLD THE DOCTRINE OF BALAAM**, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, **to eat things sacrificed unto idols**, and **to commit fornication**.

15 **SO HAST THOU ALSO THEM THAT HOLD THE DOCTRINE OF THE NICOLAITANS, WHICH THING I HATE.**

16 **REPENT; OR ELSE I WILL COME UNTO THEE QUICKLY, and WILL FIGHT AGAINST THEM WITH THE SWORD OF MY MOUTH.**

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

2 Timothy 2:14-18

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they **STRIVE NOT ABOUT WORDS TO NO PROFIT, BUT TO THE SUBVERTING (*overthrow*) OF THE HEARERS**.

15 **STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDED NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH**.

16 **BUT SHUN PROFANE AND VAIN BABBLINGS: FOR THEY WILL INCREASE UNTO MORE UNGODLINESS.**

17 **AND THEIR WORD WILL EAT (*spread*) AS DOTHS A CANKER (*gangrene, eating sore*): of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;**

18 **WHO CONCERNING THE TRUTH HAVE ERRED, saying that the resurrection is past already; and OVERTHROW THE FAITH OF SOME.**

Titus 1:6-11

6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

9 **HOLDING FAST THE FAITHFUL WORD AS HE HATH BEEN TAUGHT, THAT HE MAY BE ABLE BY SOUND DOCTRINE BOTH TO EXHORT AND CONVINCING THE GAINSAYERS**.

10 **FOR THERE ARE MANY UNRULY AND VAIN TALKERS AND DECEIVERS**, specially they of the circumcision:

11 **WHOSE MOUTHS MUST BE STOPPED, WHO SUBVERT WHOLE HOUSES, TEACHING THINGS WHICH THEY OUGHT NOT, FOR FILTHY LUCRE'S SAKE**.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 **PREACH THE WORD; BE INSTANT IN SEASON, OUT OF SEASON; REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT WITH ALL LONGSUFFERING AND DOCTRINE.**

3 For the time will come when **THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE;** but **AFTER THEIR OWN LUSTS SHALL THEY HEAP TO THEMSELVES TEACHERS,** having itching ears;

4 And **THEY SHALL TURN AWAY THEIR EARS FROM THE TRUTH,** and **SHALL BE TURNED UNTO FABLES.**

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

1 Timothy 4:1-7

1 Now **THE SPIRIT SPEAKETH EXPRESSLY,** that in the latter times **SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH,** giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 **Forbidding to marry,** and **commanding to abstain from meats,** which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, **NOURISHED UP IN THE WORDS OF FAITH AND GOOD DOCTRINE,** whereunto thou hast attained.

7 But **REFUSE PROFANE** and **OLD WIVES' FABLES,** and **EXERCISE THYSELF RATHER UNTO GODLINESS.**