

*Paul's Letter to
the Disciple*



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I'm searching for excuses!

OR

Excuse me, I'm searching!

May the Lord show mercy to Onesiphorus, because he often **refreshed** me and was not ashamed of my **chains**. On the contrary, when he was in **Rome**, he **searched** hard for me until he found me. May the Lord grant that he will find mercy... You know how very well in how many ways he **helped** me in **Ephesus**.

(II Tim. 1:16-17)

“chains” – attraction or reaction?

“searched” – real love or sort of?

“helped” – generosity or animosity?

SMOKE!

- Apathy
- Anger
- Questions
- Skepticism
- Rebellion
- Self-Justification
- Self-Righteousness

Pursue righteousness... Don't get caught up in foolish and stupid arguments that produce quarrels. Do not quarrel. Be kind. Teach. Do not resent... but gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance... that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil who has taken them captive to do his will.

(II Timothy 2:22-26)

1. **Recognize** smoke for what it is.
2. **Argue** = Yes! **Quarrel** = No!
3. **Be kind.** **Teach.** **Hope.**

Luke 15:8-10 Suppose a woman has 10 coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? She... calls her neighbors and friends... “Rejoice with me! In the same way, there is rejoicing among the angels of God...”





- a lamp... to see
- a broom to sweep

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