SOLID FOUNDATION 2 TIM GEMS

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Context:

2 Timothy 2:16-22 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are <u>Hymenaeus and Philetus</u>, ¹⁸ who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and <u>they destroy the faith of some</u>. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

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What about them, what about them, and what about me?

Your foundation is two-fold: & responsibility

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Acts 27:23 [Paul said,] "Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me." NIV

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." NIV

Romans 7:4 "So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God." NIV

Galatians 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. $_{\rm NIV}$

Security Responsibility

Security: You belong

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John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. NIV

Responsibility: Turn from evil and do good.

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Practical:

- What can you do to be reminded of and refreshed in your relationship with God?
- There are a million things you can improve in, but what is the thing that God has asked you to do?