

Series "Ministry For Difficult Times"
"A Vessel For Honor"
2 Timothy 2:20-26
Study-6

2 Timothy 2:1-7 – "The Courageous Christian" 2 Timothy 2:1

2 Timothy 2:8-13 – "Motivation For Suffering"

2 Timothy 2:14-19 – "A God Approved Worker" 2 Timothy 2:15

Now – 2 Timothy 2:20-26 – "A Vessel For Honor" 2 Timothy 2:21

The Thought Of Our Passage: "A Vessel Of Honor Is One Who Is Cleansed, Pursues Godliness, Is Kind, And Gentle In Correcting Those In Opposition."

1. Verses 20-21 – Making Of A Vessel Of Honor

2. Verse 22 – Maintaining A Vessel Of Honor

3. Verses 23-26 – Ministry Of A Vessel Of Honor

1. Verses 20-21 – Making Of A Vessel Of Honor:

2 Tim 2:20

2 Tim 2:19 foundation – is "The True Church"

"in a large house" – is the Church, the body of Christ.

1 Timothy 3:15

God is the head of the house. 2 Tim 2:21 – "useful to the Master,"

"vessels" – "a jar, dish, implement, equipment"; This ranges from cooking utensils, for cleaning, hygienic, building, maintenance.

Paul Is Depicting The Value Or Quality Of The Vessel.

"gold and silver vessels" – and some to honor – "at a great price"; The genuine child of God; Holy character, holy life, integrity; True Possessor 2 Tim 2:19

"vessels of wood and of earthenware" – and some to dishonor. Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon New Testament said, "for a low use" (as, a urinal); No value, common, temporal; False Professors, False Teachers.

2 Tim 2:21

"if a man cleanses himself" – "to cleanse thoroughly, purge out, to avoid defilement from one and so keep oneself pure"

"from these things," – What things is Paul referring to? The context is 2 Tim 2:20

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

1 Corinthians 15:33

2 Thessalonians 3:6

2 Thessalonians 3:14

Titus 3:10

Hebrews 12:15

3 Elements Of A Valuable Vessel:

1. "sanctified," – This speaks of being, "holy, separate, set apart"; Set apart from sin, and set apart for God's holy and exclusive use! Kept pure!
2. "useful to the Master," – "that which is easy to use, that which is useful, profitable"
3. "prepared for every good work." – "kept in readiness, for the hour and day namely, predetermined"; Ephesians 2:10 – Willingness Eagerness As Well As Readiness!

2. Verse 22 – Maintaining A Vessel Of Honor:

2 Tim 2:22

Negative – Flee From Lust: "Now flee from youthful lusts," – the term flee – word fugitive "to run away, to keep on running, from a poisonous serpent, a plague"

"youthful" – "immature, younger persons, juvenile"; lusts – "desire, craving, longing; a longing for what is forbidden"

Positive – Pursue these 4 Things: 1 Timothy 6:11

1. Positive – Pursue Righteousness: (Man-ward) "and pursue righteousness," – broad sense, "the state of him who is such as he ought to be, integrity, virtue, purity of life, correctness in thinking, and acting"; Being and doing right!

Luke 18:9-14

2. Positive – Pursue Faith: (God-ward) “faith” – “the moral conviction of biblical truth, the truthfulness of God, reliance upon Christ for salvation”; Belief and trust, faithfully; Trusting God, His Word, His Will, above all Him!
3. Positive – Pursue Love: (Out-ward) “love” – Greek word agape, “a divine love, that of a spiritual plane – experienced only through conversion, a new nature, an unconditional love.”
4. Positive – Pursue Peace: (Within Us) “peace” – “quietness, rest, set at one again, peace between individuals, harmony, concord, exemption from the rage and havoc of war”; Deal with difficulties by His peace! No panic!

“pure heart” – “clean, free from every admixture of what is false, soils, adulterates, corrupts, one who is sincere, genuine, blameless, innocent”

Matthew 5:8

Psalm 119:9

3. Verses 23-26 – Ministry Of A Vessel Of Honor:

2 Tim 2:23

Paul Gives 5 Areas Of Honorable Service:

1. Verses 23-24 – Honorable Vessel – Not Quarrelsome: “But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations,”

1 Timothy 1:4

2 Tim 2:24

“bond-servant” – Greek Doulos – describes “a slave/servant no will of his own, that is at the Lord’s call.”

“must not be quarrelsome,” – “to fight, armed combatants, those who engage in a war of words, to quarrel, wrangle, dispute”

Jude 1:3

1 Peter 3:15

2. Verse 24 – Honorable Vessel – Kind: “but be kind to all,” – “mild, gentle” 1 Thessalonians 2:7

3. Verse 24 – Honorable Vessel – Able To Teach: “able to teach,” – “apt and skillful in teaching”; Christianity Is A Continuing Education!
4. Verse 24 – Honorable Vessel – Not Resentful: “patient when wronged,” – “enduring of ill, forbearing, patient, bearing evil without resentment”; This will destroy a Christian!

2 Tim 2:25

5. Verses 25-26 – Honorable Vessel – Instructs With Gentleness: “with gentleness” – “mildness, meekness, used of a colt that was broken and now useful” 2 Corinthians 10:1

Romans 3:11

2 Tim 2:26

“and they may come to their senses” – (Human side) Literally, “Return to soberness” Luke 15:17

“and escape from the snare of the devil,” – “a snare, trap, noose”

Devil – Diabolos: “Accuser, Slanderer, False Accuser”

Ephesians 2:1-3

Application:

1. Making Of A Vessel Of Honor: Is Set Apart, Useful To The Master, Prepared For Every Good Work.
2. Maintaining A Vessel Of Honor: Flees From Youthful Lusters, Pursues Righteousness, Faith, Love And Peace.
3. Ministry Of A Vessel Of Honor: Not Quarrelsome, Kind, Able To Teach, Not Resentful, Instructs With Gentleness.