

## 2 Timothy 2:20-26 Part 7 Participants Guide – 2 Timothy Series

### The Main Idea: Hold it High. Guard it Well. Pass it On

#### Discussion Questions:

- Read through the book of 2 Timothy 2:20-26. Jot down what stands out to you.
- Read 2 Timothy 2:20-21, Psalm 139:23-24. Very important to realize that this passage is not talking about salvation but service. Only Jesus can save us and cleanse us from our sins. All believers should be, but aren't always, vessels of Honor. The only condition for becoming honorable is to cleanse oneself from all things dishonorable. **IF A VESSEL IS TO BE USABLE, IT MUST BE CLEAN.** But if I am not attentive to purposefully living a life that is honoring to God then I will slowly slip back into a lifestyle, choices, attitudes that are sinful. I must actively and most likely painfully CLEANSE those things from my Life. That is all on me with the help of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, what do you honestly see needing to be cleansed from your life?
- According to 2 Timothy 2:21, IF you choose to cleanse yourself then something will happen. Look at the 4 things Paul tells us will take place
  1. The person becomes a vessel for honor and will serve and honorable role.
  2. The person is sanctified that is set apart for specific purpose  
Negatively, he is set apart from sin. Positively, he is set apart for God and for His righteousness  
Read 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 1 Peter 1:2
  3. **The person is useful to the master.**
    - The deepest desire of Paul's own heart was to be useful to the Master. 1 Corinthians 9:24–27
    - Master - Christians are not simply rightly related to God; they wholly belong to God. He is our sovereign Master, our loving and benevolent Lord, who actually owns us 1 Corinthians 6:19–20
  4. **The person is prepared for every good work.**
    - Read 2 Corinthians 9:8; Colossians 1:10; 2 Thessalonians 2:17, 1 Timothy 5:10; 2 Timothy 3:17; Titus 1:16; 3:1.
- Read Titus 1:16, 1 Corinthians 5:9–13, 2 Timothy 2:16–17, 1 Corinthians 15:33. These are difficult passages to read. What does Paul tell us regarding 'vessels that are dishonorable?'
- Read 2 Timothy 2:22, Luke 11:24–26, Romans 12:21, Psalm 119:9. "FLEE THE EVIL DESIRES OF YOUTH", does that mean if I'm old Paul's not talking to me? No. Because the things that are pursuing you are most likely the same things that pursued you then. Youthful lusts are those things that rob a mature person of his or her contentment. What do you need to FLEE from?

*A believer who does not run from sin and toward righteousness will be overtaken by sin*

- Read 2 Timothy 2:22. What are we to pursue?
  - righteousness reaches outward to do what is right by others
  - faith reaches upward to place trust in God. Romans 3:3
  - love extends grace to others by seeking their highest greater good. Galatians 5:22
  - peace is experienced within by resting in the friendship we share with God. Romans 12:18
- Read 2 Timothy 2:23-24. How should the "Lord's servant" act with people?
- Read 2 Timothy 2:25-26,, 2 Corinthians 7:9, John 6:44, Acts 26:18. How does the Sovereignty of God and our actions work together?

*God is Drawing, We are Sharing, They Choose to Believe*

#### **Action:**

- Am I a vessel of honor or dishonor?
- Do I resolve quarrels, or do I feed them?
- Am I partnering with God to gently sharing the truth of the gospel in hope, that people can be freed from the traps of the Devil?

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**