

Useful to the King

2 Timothy 2:20-26

²⁰ Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

²² So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. ²³ Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Context: "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." (2:19)

Why?

Because God wants to _____ for _____.

The analogy:

"in a great house" = The _____ church (1 Timothy 3:15)

"there are vessels" = His _____; instruments in the Master's hands

"some for honorable use, some for dishonorable" = We all _____ be useful, but we all are _____

The Master has _____ condition: His vessels must be _____.

Conscious and willful ("cleanses himself"), so that I will be:

Set apart ...

Useful ...

I'm only as _____ to the _____ as I am _____ (in _____ and _____).

Bad belief leads to bad behavior. These cannot be separated.

The _____ – known and _____ – is the means to usefulness to God.

Therefore, maintain purity by ...

_____ "youthful passions" ...

_____ "righteousness, faith, love, and peace" ...

As the King's Servant then ...

Stay faithful to and focused on the clear _____ of truth in Scripture. Don't get caught up in the _____ and _____. Beware of the many _____ from real Gospel work.

And teach to _____, not to _____ and _____.

Kindness

Ability

Patience

Courage

Gentleness

Faith