

Useful
2 Timothy 2:20-26

Made to be useful -

A vessel analogy -

Gold/Silver	Wood/Clay
honorable	dishonorable
holy	unholy
useful	useless
ready	unready

I thought being a clay jar was _____. (2 Cor. 4:7)

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.

2 Timothy 2:21

- Why is this verse so easily misunderstood?
- How do we prepare ourselves for usefulness?

Two Big Responses

1. _____ - Where am I heading?

"flee youthful passions" (22a)

What are some characteristics of youthful passions?

- especially _____ – they promise too much
- especially _____ – they think they are the exception
- especially _____ – they lead to other addictions
- especially _____ – they render us powerless

"pursue righteousness" (22b)

pursue =

2. _____ - how do I relate to others?

- _____ -

"Along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart" (22c)

- _____ -

"Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies" (23-26)

"the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome, but . . .

- kind to everyone -
- able to teach -
- patiently enduring evil -
- correcting his opponents with gentleness -

God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.
2 Timothy 2:25b-26

A Few Observations:

1. People who don't know Jesus are _____ and _____ by the enemy.
2. Our actions and our words _____, but we cannot make anyone _____.
3. Kindness and patience flow from reminding ourselves _____ and who the real _____ is.

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