

Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 12

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Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.”

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. - 2 Timothy 2:19-21

Day 1 Verse 19

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.” —2 Timothy 2:19

1. What is the “nevertheless” referring to?

2. How does this verse connect to the larger context of this section?

3. What attributes of God do you see in this verse?

4. Is there anything that can shake the firm foundation of God? Use Scripture to support your answer.

5. Is there anything that we can do to earn our salvation?

6. Is there any way that a true believer can lose their salvation?

Day 2 Verse 19

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"False teaching may roil the church, but it cannot wreck its foundation, which is proximately the apostles and prophets but ultimately the person and work of Christ." - Reformed Expository Commentary, 2 Timothy & Titus

1. How do the two phrases "The Lord knows those who are His" and "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness" go together?

2. If we are secure in Christ, why would Paul quote this verse from Numbers 16:5?
 - a. How does the passage in Numbers help us better understand Paul's argument?

 - b. Did Korah succeed in his rebellion?

- c. Will false teachers succeed in their rebellion?
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- 3. What would you say to someone who calls themselves a Christian but lives life for self – one who does and believes what is right in their own eyes?

 - 4. What should be our standard for defining what is good and what is wicked?

 - 5. How does 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 help you better understand this verse and God's expectation of us?

 - 6. How does God's sovereignty in 2 Tim 2:19 bring you comfort when you see the temporal success of false teaching?

Day 3 Verse 20

Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. —2 Timothy 2:20

1. What is Paul illustrating in this verse?
2. How would this fit the exhortation to leaders?
3. What does the “large house” represent?
4. What would gold and silver vessels be used for?

5. What would wood and earthenware be used for?

a. Why would these be dishonourable?

b. Should we be discouraged when we see vessels for dishonour in the church?

Day 4 Verse 21

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. –2 Timothy 2:21

1. What does the word “therefore” refer to?

2. What things are we to cleanse ourselves from? How should we cleanse ourselves?

3. What does it mean that “he will be a vessel for honor”?

4. Define “sanctified.”

a. What does Scripture say about sanctification? Use Scripture to support your answer.

5. What does sanctification have to do with our usefulness and being a vessel for honor?

6. If we are not cleansed and not sanctified, what will be the end result?

Day 5 Verse 21

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. –2 Timothy 2:21

1. What does it mean to be useful to the Master?

- a. What makes Christ our Master?

- b. Are you useful to the Master?

c. Are there areas you desire to be of greater use? What will you do to accomplish this?

2. What was Paul's greatest desire? See Philippians 3:12-16.

a. What was one of Paul's fears? See 1 Corinthians 9:26-27.

b. How can these 2 passages help you in being useful?

3. Read Eph. 2:10. How does that passage connect to this verse?

4. What do good works look like in the life of a believer? Use Scripture to support your answer.
5. What is the Lord ultimately preparing us for? How does this encourage you to keep bearing fruit?

Dig Deeper

1. A chorus by Audrey Mieir beautifully expresses the spirit of dedication of which Paul speaks in this passage.

To be used by God
To sing, to speak, to pray.
To be used of God
To show someone the way.
I long so much to feel
The touch of His consuming fire,
To be used of God is my desire.

Write a prayer asking the Lord to use you to the greatest degree, prepared for every good work to bring Him the utmost glory.

2. Read Chapel Library's pamphlet on Good Works and Sanctification:
<https://www.chapellibrary.org/book/gworfg/good-works>
<https://www.chapellibrary.org/book/sancfg/sanctification>