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2 TIMOTHY 2;20-21.

VESSELS TO HONOUR.

The Bible gives us many memorable word pictures.eg.sheep, wolves.

1) CONSIDER THE PICTURE. v.20.

1. A mansion "a great house" The context is that the Church is visible in the world.
2. 2 kinds of materials for vessels. Mark 4;8.
3. A Master of the House. "Some to honour....." implies a User.
Those that honour me I will honour" I Samuel.

2) CONSIDER THE PURIFICATION.(21)

1. This is the missing ingredient in many professions of faith.2 Timothy 3;5.
2. Purging is our responsibility. Romans 12;13,19.
3. Specifically we must be cleansed from false teaching "from these" vessels to dishonour. verse 16,17.

3) CONSIDER THE PURPOSE. Verse 21

What's the purpose of the christian's life/ you MUST understand this.

1. "A vessel to honour" Not one that reflects badly on his church.
2. "Sanctified" Separated from evil to good.. the tarnished silver looks unsightly .It is in the shiny surface that the Master of the house will see his own image.
- 3, "meet for the Master's use"! Christ is not going to do anything in a shabby way. Are we fit for purpose? We are not to be ornaments.
4. There are excellent deeds waiting to be done.

CONCLUSION.

There is another House waiting! John 14;2
Nothing done for Christ makes it all in vain.

Look for these words; vessels.' memorable' context ;purification; ingredient; reflects; tarnished; shabby..