

Honorable Instruments for Honorable Purposes (2 Timothy 2:20-26)

A godly minister: *what a man is before God, that he is, and no more*

- Jesus taught you will know men by the fruit of their lives (Luke 6:43-45)
- Vs 14-19 Paul had exhorted Timothy & those who labor with him of the
 - 1) Dangers of False Teaching: Warn them not to have Word Fights (14)
 - 2) False Teachers: shame! Rightly Dividing the Word: no shame (15)
 - 3) to warn them Against *Profane Babbling/empty chatter* (vv. 16–18)
 - 4) To warn them About Judgment (v19)

I. The Shaping & Making of an Honorable Vessel (2:20,21)

- a) *House vessels*: Honorable & Dishonorable vessels: vs 20
- b) *Cleansing the vessel*: vs 21 **made holy, useful to the- Master & prepared to do any good work**

II. The Sustaining of an Honorable Vessel (2:22-23)

- a) *He flees*: Flee also youthful lusts (22a)
 - impatience & frustration, harshness/easily provoked, contentiousness
- b) *He pursues*: righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart

III. The Honorable Service of an Honorable Instrument (2:24-26)

- a) Not *quarrelsome* (23a-24)
- b) *But pastoral* – four positive enjunctions
 1. not quarrel but be gentle
 2. Able to teach
 3. Patient (not resentful)
 4. in humility correcting those in opposition
- c) *The honorable hope of an honorable servant of the Lord* (vs.25,26)
 1. that false teachers to experiences repentance & know the truth
 - 2.false teachers turn to sober Gospel thinking- escape Devil's snare