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        - 1.) **Cleanse** oneself from what is dishonorable
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          - ii. **Useful** to the Master
          - iii. **Ready** for every good work
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**Pastor’s Note:** The last section of Paul’s encouragement to stick with it and suffer for the gospel (2 Tim. 2) almost appears out of place. What does becoming an honorable vessel in the church (v. 20-26) have to do with that? What even *is* an honorable vessel? There is so much in this passage, we’ll break it down into smaller parts as we examine “An Honorable Vessel.”