

An Honorable Vessel (Useful Servant)

2 Timothy 2:23-26 (Series: Declaring the Gospel)

On February 11, 2024, by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church

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 2. Maintaining an "honorable" status (c. 22-23)
 - a. Flee youthful passions (v. 22a)
 - b. Pursue godly things (v. 22b)
 - c. Never attempt it alone! (v. 22c)
 - d. Have nothing to do with _____,
_____ controversies (v. 23)
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 - ii. _____ (v. 21)
 - iii. _____ (v. 22)
 - iv. Having _____ to do with (v. 23)
 - 2.) Warnings to Israelites to separate from things (Lev. 18:30, Deut. 12:29-31, etc.)
3. Being the Lord's ["Master's"] useful servant (v. 24-25a)
 - a. Don't be _____
 - b. Do be active in essential _____ activities.
 - 1.) Be _____

2.) Be able to _____

3.) _____ endure evil

4.) Correct opponents with _____ (25a)

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 - i. **Avoidance** (v. 16)
 - ii. **Cleansing** (v. 21)
 - iii. **Fleeing** (v. 22)
 - iv. Having **nothing** to do with (v. 23)
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 3. Being the Lord’s [“Master’s”] useful servant (v. 24-25a)
 - a. Don’t be **quarrelsome**
 - b. Do be active in essential **pastoral** activities.
 - 1.) Be **kind**
 - 2.) Be able to **teach**
 - 3.) **Patiently** endure evil
 - 4.) Correct opponents with **gentleness** (25a)

Pastor’s Note: In the final few verses of 2 Timothy 2 (v. 23-26) we learn much about living the Christian life and how the Lord works to bring about salvation. It’s an interesting study combined with a warning about avoiding “foolish, ignorant controversies.” This is the final part of Paul’s description of “an Honorable Vessel (Useful Servant).”