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        - 3.) Love (cf. 1 Cor. 13:1-3)
        - 4.) Peace
      - c. Never attempt it \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 22c)
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    2. **Maintaining** an “honorable” status (c. 22-23)
      - a. **Flee** youthful passions (v. 22a) (cf. Gal. 5:19-24)
      - b. **Pursue** godly things (v. 22b) (cf. 1 Tim. 6:11)
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      - c. Never attempt it **alone!** (v. 22c)
        - 1.) Along with those who **call on** the **Lord**. (cf. v. 20-21)
        - 2.) Along with those who call from a **pure** heart (cf. v. 19)

**Pastor’s Note:** Passion can be a helpful thing. “Youthful passion [lust],” as Paul calls it, is something church leaders must flee. It leads to problems. Paul lists four things to pursue instead in 2 Tim. 2:22 where we learn more about “An Honorable Vessel (Youthful Passion).”