

# **“Vessels for Honor”**

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## “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

### Paul’s Charge to Timothy (2:11-12)

- Remind Christians of the following:
  - If they died with Christ, they would live with Christ (11)
  - If they endure, they would reign with Him (12)
  - If they deny Him, He would also deny them (12)

The Lord will remain faithful to all His  
promises to His people.

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## Paul’s Charge to Timothy (2:14)

- Remind Christians of the following:
    - Don’t waste your time in unprofitable pursuits.
    - But engage in the task of obtaining “the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”
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## Paul’s Charge to Timothy (2:15)

- Study (be diligent)
    - In so doing, he would not make himself ashamed.
    - He would present himself as “approved unto God,” being able to rightly divide God’s word.
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## Paul’s Charge to Timothy (2:16-18)

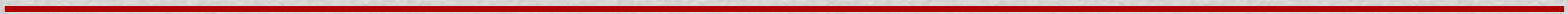
- Avoid unimportant strife.
    - Profane (unholy) and vain (empty) babblings.
    - These things only increase to more ungodliness.
    - Paul gives some examples of brethren who have followed this pathway and strayed concerning the truth:
      - **Hymenaeus**
      - **Philetus**
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# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Paul’s Charge to Timothy (2:19)

- Don’t become discouraged, but honor God.
  - God knows who belongs to Him.







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### Paul’s Charge to Timothy (2:19-21)

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# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Vessels for Honor

- Honor: esteem, respect; good name; personal integrity maintained without legal or other obligations.  
(American Heritage Dictionary)
  - Vessel: The instrument or agent God uses to convey His favors upon mankind.
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# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Vessels for Honor

- Just as a potter makes vessels that are useful around the house, God creates vessels that are going to be useful in His kingdom

*Isaiah 64:8; “But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.”*

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The potter will need to add water to the physical clay for it to become pliable and workable.

Eph.  
5:26



For the potter to be able to work with the clay, it must be centered on the potter's wheel.

Col.  
3:1-4





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## “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

### Vessels for Honor are Sanctified

- Sanctification is:
  - The state of growing in divine grace.
  - To set apart for holy purposes.
  - The separation of the believer from evil things and ways

It is the will of God that we should know how to possess our own vessel in sanctification and honor. **1 Thess. 4:3-7.**

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## Vessels for Honor are Sanctified

- God is calling us to sanctification:
    - Present your bodies a living sacrifice (Rom.12:1-2).
    - It’s an ongoing process (Heb.10:14).
    - Our complete being is targeted for this process of sanctification.
      - ❑ 1 Thess. 5:23; 1 Peter 1:13-15; 2 Cor. 7:1
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# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Vessels for Honor are Sanctified

- Sanctification is done by the word & the Holy Spirit:
    - 1 Peter 1:22
    - Eph. 5:25-26
    - 2 Thess. 2:13
    - 1 Cor. 6:11
    - Rom. 8:13
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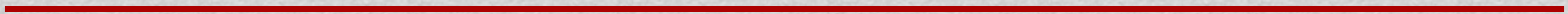




# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Vessels for Honor are Useful

- Parable of the talents (Mt. 25:14-30)
  - It is our responsibility to ensure our “talents” are utilized to the betterment of the kingdom of God.





# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Vessels for Honor are Useful

- Parable of the talents (Mt. 25:14-30)
    - Blessing to those who improve upon the “talents” given by God. They will spend eternity glorifying God.
    - Cursing for those who fail to improve upon their “talents” & neglect their duty in the kingdom. They will spend eternity without God, and without joy.
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# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Vessels for Honor are Useful

- Examples of useful “vessels for honor”
    - Timothy; *genuine faith* (2 Tim.1:5; 1 Tim.1:5)
    - Barnabas; *encourager / kindness* (Acts 4)
    - Stephen; *courageous* (Acts 6-7)
    - Lydia; *prayerful / hospitable* (Acts 16:11-15)
    - Crispus; *influential* (Acts 18:8)
    - Aquilla & Priscilla; *workers for the LORD* (Acts 18:26)
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## “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

### Vessels for Honor are Prepared

- God’s word prepares us for good works.
  - 2 Tim. 3:16-17

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

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# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Vessels for Honor are Prepared

- In order for God’s word to be effective in us, we must have the following:
    - A merciful and compassionate heart
      - **Matt. 5:1-12**
    - A servant’s heart
      - **John 13: 1-17**
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# “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

## Vessels for Honor are Prepared

- In order for God’s word to be effective in us, we must have the following:
    - A heart willing to deny ourselves (Lk. 9:23)
      - Decision: “*If anyone desires to come after Me*”  
We must make a choice to be prepared and useful in God’s kingdom.
      - Denial: “*Let him deny himself*”  
We must be willing to sacrifice.
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## Vessels for Honor are Prepared

- In order for God’s word to be effective in us, we must have the following:
    - A heart willing to deny ourselves (Lk. 9:23)
      - Dedication: “*And take up his cross daily*”  
We must have continual commitment.
      - Determination: “*and follow Me*”  
We must follow the LORD wherever He leads.
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## “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

### Conclusion:

- Our objective in life should be eternal life.
- Christ states what eternal life is in John 17:3

***“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. “***

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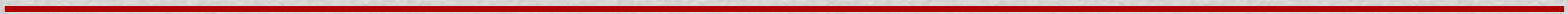
- How do we “know” God?
    - It is a deep respect and desire to please Him as our Father, our Sovereign, and our Lawgiver.
    - To know Him is to love Him, to respect & honor His word, to show reverence, obedience, and extreme gratitude for what He has done for us.
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## Conclusion:

- How do we “know” Christ?
  - It is recognizing that He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Priest, and our King.







## “Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)

### Conclusion:

- How do we “know” Christ?
  - To know Him is to respect what He has done for mankind, and realize the limitations that we have without Him in our lives.

It should be our desire “*to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*” (Eph. 3:19)

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### Conclusion:

- When we truly come to know our Father, and the Son, we will fill our hearts with:
  - Things that are **true**
  - Things that are **noble**
  - Things that are **just**
  - Things that are **pure**
  - Things that are **lovely**
  - Things of **good report**

*(Phil. 4:8)*

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## **“Vessels for Honor” (2 Tim. 2:20-21)**

### Conclusion:

- We will separate ourselves from objects not professing godliness...
  - We will be sanctified...
  - We will become useful in God’s kingdom...
  - We will be prepared for every good work...
  - We will become...
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# Vessels for Honor!

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