

## HOW TO BE A VESSEL OF HONOUR

### II Timothy 2:20-26

Intro:

- A. Vs 20a "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth;..."
  - 1. This verse is built upon a magnificent house and it's furnishings.
  - 2. There are two kinds of vessels.
  
- B. Vs 20b "...and some to honour, and some to dishonour."
  - 1. "Honour" = Τιμη = "respect", "value".
  - 2. "...some for noble, some for menial service" - GSPD

#### I. He Must Purge Himself. Vs 21

- A. Vs 21a "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour..."
  - 1. "Purge" = εκκαθαιρω = "to clear out", "to cleanse completely", "to thoroughly clean".
  - 2. Paul means to completely remain separated from the likes of those who teach doctrinal error.
  
- B. Vs 21b "...sanctified, and meet for the master's use,..."
  - 1. "Sanctified" = αγιαζω = "to set apart for holy use".
  - 2. "Set apart and used for the Master" - BER
  - 3. "Master" = δεσπότης = "absolute ownership".
  
- C. "...and prepared unto every good work."
  - 1. "Prepared" = ετοιμαζω = "to make ready".
  - 2. And equipped for any good service".

#### II. He Must Flee And Follow. Vs 22

- A. "Flee also youthful lusts:..." Vs 22a



1. "Flee" = φευγω = "to take one's self to flight".
  2. "Youthful" = νεωτερικὰς = "belonging to youth".
  3. "Lusts" = επιθυμια = "strong desire".
- B. "...but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."  
22b
1. "Follow" = εδιωκω = "to pursue".
  2. "But pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace"  
TENT
  3. "In fellowship with those members who call upon God from hearts that are pure."

### III. He Must Avoid Some Things. Vs 23

- A. "But foolish and unlearned questions avoid,..."
1. "Foolish" = μωρός = "moron", "stupid".
  2. "Unlearned" = ἀπαιδευτους = "without training", "uneducated", "uninstructed".
  3. "Questions" = ζήτησις = "speculations".
  4. "Avoid" = παραιτεομαι = "to refuse", "to reject".
  5. "Have nothing to do with these stupid, ignorant speculations."
- B. "...knowing that they do gender strifes."
1. "Gender" = γεννωω = "to give birth to".
  2. "Strifes" = μαχη = "fight".
  3. "You know that they breed quarrels".

### IV. He Must Not Strive. Vs 24

- A. "And the servant of the Lord must not strive;..."
1. "Strive" = μαχεσθαι = "to fight" Again, this speaks of a war of words.
  2. "...and the Lord's slave must not engage in quarreling..."
- B. "...but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,"
1. "Gentle" = ἥπιος = "mild", "soothing".
  2. "Apt" = διδακτικος = "skillful in teaching".

3. "Patient" = ἀνεξίκακος = "ready to put up with evil", "patient of wrong".
4. "He ought, on the contrary, to be courteous to everyone" - TENT
5. "Able to teach, patient when wronged" - NASB

V. He Must Be Meek. Vs 25

A. Vs 25a "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;..."

1. "Meekness" = πραΰτης = "a willingness to submit oneself to circumstances for the greater good", "free of malice and a desire for revenge".
2. "Instruction" = παιδεύω = "to train by discipline", "to instruct in truth".
3. "Oppose" = αντιδιατιθημι = "to place one's self in opposition".
4. "In a gentle way he must discipline those who put themselves in opposition." - BER

B. Vs 25b "...if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;"

1. "Repentance" = μετανοια = "change of mind".
2. "Acknowledging" = ἐπίγνωσις = "recognition".
3. "To a full knowledge of the truth" - ABUV

C. Vs 26a "And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,..."

1. "Recover" = ανανηφω = "to become sober again", "come to one's senses", "wake up to sobriety".
2. "Snare" = παγίς = "whatever makes or holds fast", "a snare", "a trap", "a net".
3. "...and they may come to their senses and be rescued from the trap of Satan."

D. Vs 26b "...who are taken captive by him at his will."

1. "Captive" = ζωγρεω = "to capture alive".
2. "Who has caught them to make them do his will".
3. Satan traps them and uses them to accomplish his purpose.