



A FIRM FOUNDATION PART TWO

HOW TO BE A SERVANT MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE – 2 TIMOTHY 2:20-26

As we pursue the mission of multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ (the work of the Lord), we will face opposition from the enemies of God. Therefore, we must be obedient to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15)” to face this opposition properly. The enemy’s opposition comes from without, as we saw last week in 2 Timothy 2:16-19 where Paul gave clear instructions to Timothy on how to avoid error that will arise from hereticks, their false doctrines, and the “some” that adhere to their pernicious ways, but it also comes from within... and often more subtly. Either way, the enemy’s intended results are the same – to disarm every disciple from being a servant meet for the master’s use.

1. Be a proper vessel – vs. 20-22

a. We are vessels in the household of God – 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pt. 2:5; Eph. 5:22; 2 Cor. 4:7; 1 Cor. 3:17

b. Proper vessels are _____:

- Purged and Sanctified – 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Jn. 17:17; Rom. 10:17; Eph. 5:26

- Meet and Prepared – Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Eph. 2:10

c. Proper vessels _____ youthful lusts and _____ what is right – 1 Tim. 6:11; 1 Pt. 4:1-2; Tts. 2:1-14

2. Be a proper servant – vs. 23-26

a. Avoid foolish and unlearned questions – 2 Tim. 2:14, 16; 1 Tim. 1:4; 4:7; 6:4-5; Tts. 2:9; Prov. 13:10

- Words to no profit
- Profane and vain babblings
- Fables and endless genealogies
- Profane and old wives' fables
- Strifes of words and perverse disputings

b. Be _____ unto all men:

- Apt to teach – 1 Tim. 3:2; Tts. 1:9
- Patient – Tts. 3:1-3; Jas. 1:19-20
- Instruct in meekness – Num. 12:3; Matt. 11:29; 2 Cor. 10:1; Gal. 6:1; 1 Pt. 3:15

c. Understand the snare of the devil – 1 Tim. 3:6-7; Ps. 124:7; Prov. 29:6

- The snared are only able to recover themselves, and it is only through biblical repentance. Until they acknowledge the truth, they will remain captive by the devil at his will.