

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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FEARLESS
2TIMOTHY
GROWTH GUIDE

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Fearless—Depart from Iniquity

In 2 Timothy 2:19-22, Paul described a “great house,” which is the professing church. The foundation of the house is safe and secure because God’s seal is on it. (In the Bible, a seal is a mark of ownership and security. No one would dare break a Roman seal.) Paul quoted Moses: “The Lord knoweth them that are His” (Numbers 16:5). **This refers to the Godward aspect of the Christian life:** God chose us who trust Him. (see 2 Timothy 2:10).

But there is also a manward aspect of the Christian life: “Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity” (2 Timothy 2:19). This refers back to Numbers 16:26, where the Lord warned the people to get away from the tents of Korah and the rebels. **In other words, those who are the elect of God prove it by living godly lives.** We are chosen in Christ “that we should be holy and without blame” (Ephesians 1:4).

This great house not only has a solid foundation that is sealed, but it also has vessels (utensils of various kinds) for performing household functions. Paul divides the utensils into two categories: those of honor (gold and silver) and those of dishonor (wood and clay). He is not distinguishing between kinds of Christians, but rather is making a distinction between true teachers of the Word and the false teachers he described (2 Timothy 2:16–18). **A faithful pastor is like a gold or silver vessel that brings honor to Jesus Christ.** The head of a house displays his costliest and most beautiful utensils and gets honor from them. False teachers are not valuable; they are like wood and clay. They are utensils to dishonor, no matter how popular they may be today. Wood and clay will not survive the test of fire.

The important thing is that the honorable vessels not be contaminated by the dishonorable ones. The word “these” (2 Timothy 2:21) refers to the vessels of dishonor (2 Timothy 2:20). Paul is admonishing Timothy to separate himself from false teachers. If he does, then God will honor him, set him apart, and equip him for service. “Useful to the Master” (2 Timothy 2:21, NIV)—what a tremendous honor that is! A useful human vessel of honor does not get involved in the popular things of the world, even the “religious world.” He must remain holy, and this means he must be separated from everything that would defile him.

This includes the sins of the flesh as well (2 Timothy 2:22). Paul used a similar admonition in 1 Timothy 6:11–12—“Flee ... follow ... fight.” True Bible separation is balanced: we flee sin, but we follow after righteousness. If we are not balanced, then we will be isolated instead of separated. In fact, God’s man Paul commands us to fellowship “with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22). After all, this is the purpose of the ministry of the Word (1 Timothy 1:5). It is sad when true believers are isolated because of a false view of separation.

For God to be able to use us as vessels, we must be empty, clean, and available. He will take us and fill us and use us for His glory. But if we are filled with sin or defiled by disobedience, He will first have to purge us; and that might not be an enjoyable experience. In the “great house” of the professing church, there are true believers and false. We must exercise spiritual discernment and be careful that we are vessels sanctified unto honor.

(Warren Wiersbe)

KEY VERSE

2 Timothy 2:19

“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.’”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 2 Timothy 2:19-26

Have you ever been in a situation that you needed to flee?

What does it mean that God knows those who are His?

What does it mean to have the name of Christ? How must people act who are His?

Tuesday: 2 Timothy 2:20-21; 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

Two Types of Vessels

What kind of vessels does Paul describe?

How does he describe the vessel of honor?

How do we become a vessel of honor?

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 2:22; Proverbs 28:13

Flee From...

What was Timothy to flee from?

What are youthful lusts/passions?

Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Pursue

What was Timothy told to pursue?

How can you pursue these things?

Friday: 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 1 Peter 3:15-17

What a Servant of the Lord Must Be

What attributes must the servant of the Lord have?

Which attributes do you have?

Which do you find most difficult to live out?

Why must the servant of God be this way to those that oppose him?