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A faithful pastor/ follower of Christ

2 Timothy 2:19-26

But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The LORD knows those who are His," and "All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil." 20 In a wealthy home some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. 21 If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. 22 Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. 23 Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. 24 A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. 25 Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. 26 Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

God's truth \_\_\_\_\_ and is authenticated by two seals:

- 1. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ those who are His
2. Those who confess the name of the Lord must turn away from \_\_\_\_\_

1. Image of a \_\_\_\_\_ vs 20-22

- a. There are different types of vessels in a home
1. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ teacher / \_\_\_\_\_ teacher
3. Acts 9:15 story of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
b. A vessel of \_\_\_\_\_
1. Be \_\_\_\_\_
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to the Master
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ for every good work vs 22-23
Two things: \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_ after
Flee: run away from \_\_\_\_\_
Follow after: run towards \_\_\_\_\_



Are you a peacemaker or stink stirrer?

- 2. Image of a \_\_\_\_\_ vs 23-26
a. live a life that \_\_\_\_\_ Christ with the hope to share the truth of Christ
b. Doulos: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_
1. not \_\_\_\_\_
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_
3. A teacher: not only in \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_
5. Gently \_\_\_\_\_ false teachers
a. They may \_\_\_\_\_ to their senses
b. They may \_\_\_\_\_ the snare of the devil

Challenge: Each one of us would desire to be a clean vessel and a servant that is completely surrendered to our Heavenly Father.

Small Group Questions

Read 2 Timothy 2:19-26

- 1. In our lives, what do Paul's warnings against words and quarreling actually look like? Where do you see this potentially causing harm in our day and age? How can we guard against getting into foolish conversations and practice "gentleness, kindness and patience"?
2. If you had to explain our passage today to a child, how would you do it? What would you say? Hopefully this exercise helps you pick out the main points and themes.
3. What's something in our passage today that has left a mark on you? (something you need to think about more, something you want to talk with someone about, something you want to put into practice, etc) Why?
4. What does Paul tell us to do so we can be ready for any good work?
5. What did Paul mean when he told Timothy to flee? Can you give an example?
6. What did Paul encourage Timothy to pursue or seek after?
7. Paul used the image of a servant to describe a faithful pastor. The greek word for servant is "doulos" or "bond-servant" which means "a slave who is voluntarily devoted to his master without without regard for himself. Why is this such an important illustration?