

# THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

## I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon

### “God Speaks to His Church”

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*A Useful Vessel—II Timothy 2:20-26*  
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#### A. CONTEXT

##### **Foundational Truths—II Timothy 2:19**

*Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.”*

#### B. TEXT

##### **1. A holy vessel for the Lord** vs. 20-22

###### **a. Metaphor of house ware**

- 1) Common use – wood and earthenware
- 2) Special use – gold and silverware
  - a) Must be cleansed (sanctified)
  - b) Useful for the Master, ready to be used

###### **b. Flee youthful lusts**

###### **c. Pursue: righteousness, faith, love, peace, purity**

##### **2. A bondservant (*doulos*) of the Lord** vs. 23-26

###### **a. How a servant communicates**

- 1) An apt teacher
- 2) Kind and gentle words
- 3) Patient with others

###### **b. What a servant avoids**

###### **c. What a servant seeks**

#### C. APPLICATION