

Vessels of Honor

2 Timothy 2:20-26

We Are Vessels In The House Of God

The Church of Christ. 1 Timothy 3:15;
Hebrews 3:6

- We choose what type of vessel we are:
 - Honor or dishonor
- What kind of person is a vessel of honor?

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Brethren Need To Be Reminded 2 Timothy 2:14

Of things they have learned in the past.

- It is so easy to forget.
(cf. 1 Timothy 4:6; 2 Peter 1:12-13; 3:1-2).

All Kinds Of Vessels.

- **Honor** – *timee*, “1. the ‘worth’ one ascribes to a person, i.e., ‘satisfaction,’ ‘compensation,’ ‘evaluation,’ ‘honour’; 2. (only after Hom.) the value of a thing, ‘price,’ ‘purchase price.’” (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament)

- **Meet** – *euchrēstos* means “useful, serviceable” (Vine). 3

What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

Purges himself from sin. 2 Timothy 2:21

• We must:

- Shun profane babblings. 2:16-18
 - Teachers of false doctrine like Hymenaeus and Philetus.
- Depart from iniquity. 2:19
- Flee youthful lusts. 2:22; 1 Corinthians 6:18
- Refuse foolish and ignorant questionings. 2:23 (14)

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

Does not put sin in his heart.

2 Timothy 2:22; cf. Matthew. 15:18ff

- Growth requires purging. James 1:21; 1 Peter 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:22, 31
- The lust of the eyes, such as materialism. cf. 1 Timothy 6:9-11
- Continuing in sin is incompatible with the grace we have received. Romans 6:1-2, 12-14

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

One who is sanctified. 2 Timothy 2:21

- Separated, set aside for special uses.
 - Old Testament priests, tabernacle, holy altar, sacrifices, Sabbath, nation.
- Saint. 1 Corinthians 1:2
 - Servant of righteousness unto sanctification (holiness). Romans 6:19-22; (1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

- **One who is useful for the Master. 2 Timothy 2:21 (cf. Matthew 25:15)**
- **Priorities. Matthew 6:33**
 - Ready mind. 2 Corinthians 8:12
 - Poor widow was useful to God. Mark 12:41-44
 - Mary did what she could. Mark 14:8-9; (John 12:1-8)
 - Some don't. Hebrews 5:12

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

- One who is prepared for every good work. 2 Timothy 2:21**
- **Ready and available to work. Titus 3:1**
 - **We are prepared for use ...**
 - By scripture. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (2:15)
 - Through grace. 2 Corinthians 9:8-9
 - Over time. Hebrews 5:11
 - **Remain ready. Galatians 6:9-10**

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

- One who pursues righteousness, faith, love, peace. 2 Timothy 2:21**
- **Qualities without which no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14**
 - **Qualities well suited for the "man of God." cf. 1 Timothy 6:11**

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

- ... With those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22**
- **Together with those who sincerely love God i.e., not alone, nor in the company of those "vessels of dishonor." 2 Timothy 2:22**

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

- Those who do not quarrel. 2 Timothy 2:23-24**
- **Avoid foolish and ignorant disputes.**
 - **Generate strife. 2 Timothy 2:23; cf. 1 Timothy 1:4; 6:4**
 - **Bring ruin to the hearers. 2 Timothy 2:14; cf. Titus 3:9**
 - **Increase to more ungodliness. 2 Timothy 2:16**

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

- Those who are gentle to all. 2 Timothy 2:24**
- **"affable, that is, mild or kind" – Strong**
 - **"not only to troubled minds, and wounded consciences, by supplying them with the precious promises and truths of the Gospel; and to backsliders, by restoring them in a spirit of meekness; but even to those who contradict the truth, and themselves, by mild and kind instructions." – Gill**

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

Those who are able to teach. 2 Timothy 2:24

- “apt and skillful in teaching” – Thayer
- Able to exhort and convict those who contradict. cf. Titus 1:9

Patient. 2 Timothy 2:24

- “patient of ills and wrongs, forbearing” – Thayer
- “The Greek word here used does not elsewhere occur in the New Testament. It means, patient under evils and injuries” – Barnes
- A Christ-like quality much needed in “word battles” – cf. Colossians 3:13

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What Kind of Person is a Vessel of Honor?

Those who can correct in humility. 2 Timothy 2:25

- With “gentleness, mildness, meekness” – Thayer
- Even against those:
 - Who oppose the truth.
 - Who are ensnared by the devil.
- For such qualities are weapons “*mighty before God*” cf. 2 Corinthians 10:1-5
 - Not carnal, such as wrath, anger, and strife
 - But mighty for casting down arguments, bringing thoughts into captivity to Christ.

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What Kind of a Vessel are YOU?

- Vitrally important decision!
- The type of vessel you choose to be in the house of God has eternal consequences for you!
- The Lord knows who are His. 2 Timothy 2:19

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