

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

**Honorable Servants Vs.
Dishonorable & Devil
Enslaved Servants”
(2 Timothy 2:20-26)**



2 TIMOTHY



- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace in the midst of trials, staying true to the scriptures (1:2,3).
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (1:4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (1:5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (1:6)
- Faith extinguishes fear (1:7)
- The Value of Being Committed To The Lord, No Matter The Cost" (1:8-12)
- Hold Fast The Pattern (1:13,14)
- Disloyalty vs. Friendship (1:15-18)
- Grace Includes Keeping Rules! (2:1-7)
- Need Endurance & Faithfulness (2:8-13)
- **Workers Approved & Honorable Vs. Rejected & Devil Enslaved (2:14-26).**

BE STRONG IN THE GRACE

that is in Christ Jesus.



CHAPTER 2

Strength in grace illustrated:

- ▶ As a good soldier (2:3,4)
- ▶ As an athlete (2:5)
- ▶ As a hardworking farmer (2:6)

Cross Before Crown (2:7-13)

A Workman Approved of God (2:14-19)

A Vessel unto Honor (2:20-26)

2 Timothy 2:20–26 (NKJV)

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TWO TYPES OF SERVANTS IN THE CHURCH



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(NKJV)**

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■ “But in a great house”

◆ “BUT” — Presents a contrast between what preceded, the faithful whom the Lord knows are His, (vs. 19), and what follows,

◆ “A GREAT HOUSE” — The church as we see it, which contains both the faithful, and those who are unfaithful and disapproved. (cf. 1 Cor. 3:9-17)

◆ “VESSELS” — represent the two classes among Christians, the good and the bad, the faithful and the unfaithful. (cf. vs. 15,17)

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HOW TO BE AN HONORABLE SERVANT



**2 Timothy 2:21
(NKJV)**

²¹ Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

- “Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter”
- ◆ The reference is general, but there was a special thought for Timothy. He was to remain separate and distinct from the false teachers and their influence in how he lived and what he preached. (cf. 1 Cor. 15:33; 5:7; 2 Thes. 3:6, 14).
- ◆ Only by remaining pure in life and doctrine could he be a vessel of honor, set apart and useful for the Lord in accomplishing His work. (2 Cor. 9:8; 2 Tim. 3:17)

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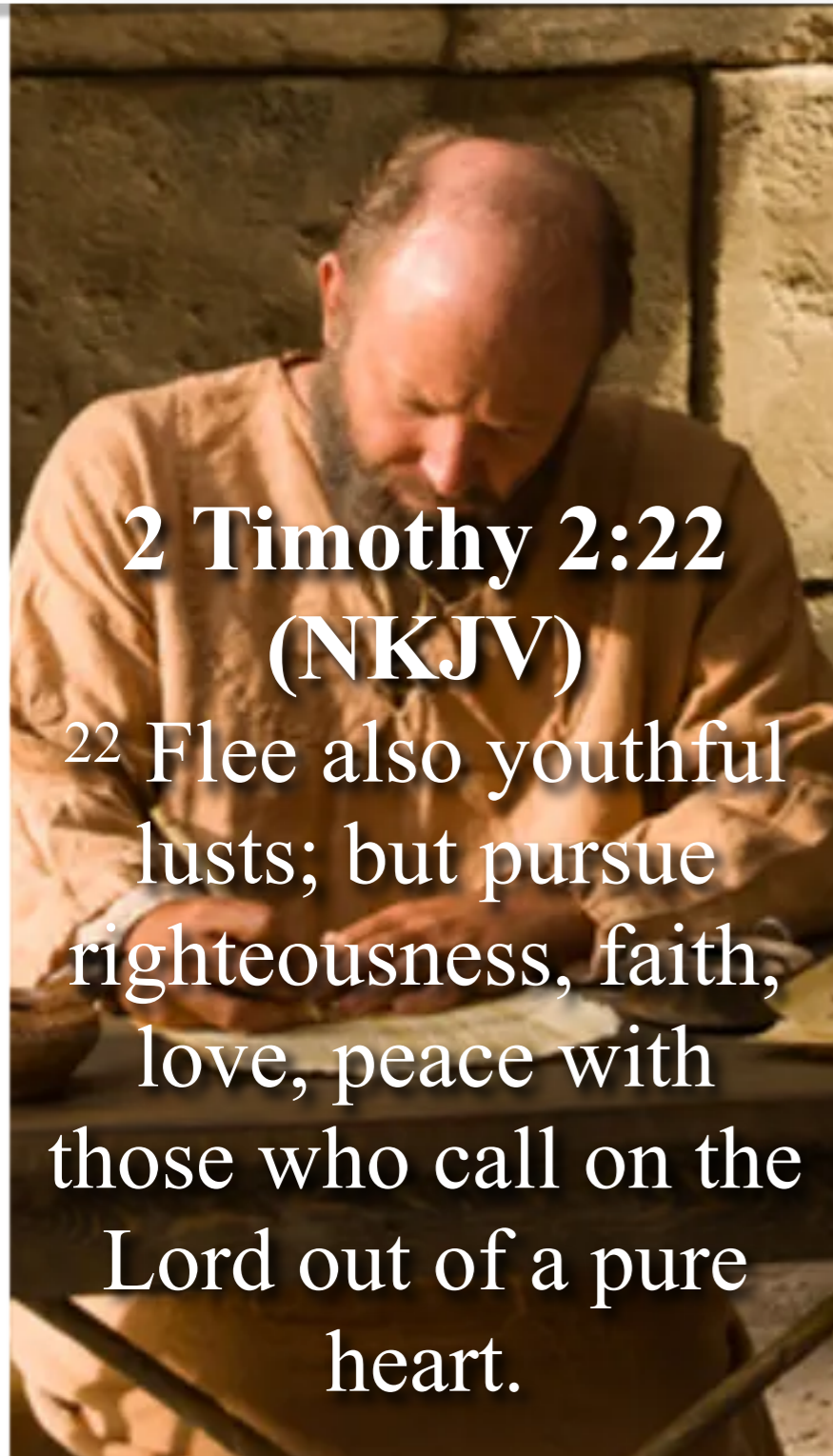
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- “Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter”
- ◆ This purging unto purity is a responsibility that rests squarely upon our shoulders by faithfully applying God’s word to our lives (1 Tim. 3:16,17; 1 Co. 5:7; 2 Co. 6:14-7:1; 1 Pe. 1:22; 1 Jno. 3:3)
- ◆ The Christian who purges himself can be assured of high esteem, being acceptable to God, of usefulness in the service of our Lord, and being fully equipped unto every good work.

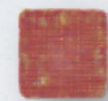
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“Flee also youthful lusts;”



Timothy was still a young man (cf. 1 Tim. 4:12), and was to guard against the passions of the young: (*Paul probably did not primarily have sexual passions in mind here*).

- Self-Assertion / Pride
- Impatience / Ambition
- Love Of Argument / Self Assertion
- Intolerance / Self Righteousness
- Partiality / Being Easily Offended

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- “but pursue” (cf. 1 Ti. 4:12; 6:11)
- ◆ RIGHTEOUSNESS, “the character or quality of being right or just” (Vine). This involves our actions or conduct in relation to God and man.
- ◆ FAITH, denotes unwavering trust in the Lord and His word which stands up under pressure (cf. 2 Tim. 3:10-12; 1 Pet. 1:6, 7).
- ◆ LOVE, denotes doing what is right and best for others (1 Cor. 13:1-8)
- ◆ PEACE, “harmonious relationships” with God and other Christians.

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- “with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart”
- “Peace with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (1 Ti 1:5; Eph 6:5; Col 3:22).
- We are to love all men, but it is not possible to be at peace with all men, for this needs unity in faith, practice and purpose (1 Cor. 1:3-12; Rom. 12:18)
- Timothy was NOT to have peace with the false teachers who had only the form of godliness, (2 Tim 3:5, 8; Tit 1:15, 16; Jude 1:3,4; Rom. 16:17,18)

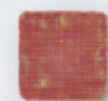
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“But avoid”



AVOID (παραιτου [*paraitou*]); "have nothing to do with" (see 1 Timothy 4:7; Titus 3:10).



FOOLISH (μωρός [*mōros*]) vain and impertinent discourses, or idle, fruitless questions,



UNLEARNED (ἀπαιδευτους [*apaideutos*]) means “untrained, uninstructed, undisciplined” (Wuest).



DISPUTES, (ζήτησις [*zētēsis*]) argument, debate, (Jn 3:25; Ac 15:2, 7; 1Ti 6:4; 2Ti 2:23; Tit 3:9; 1Ti 1:4)

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- “knowing that they generate strife”
- STRIFE (μάχη (*machē*) “They beget battles.” (See 2:14; James 4:1-4)
- We need to know that such things destroy churches, destroy our influence among those lost in the world, and hinders the spread of the gospel.
- False doctrine **MUST** be confronted and exposed, (Jude 4), but to promote and defend things that are foolish and **NOT** part of the “sound words” we are required to hold fast to is destructive to ourselves and the Lord’s cause!

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**2 Timothy 2:24–25
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²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition,

■ “a servant of the Lord”


◆ “SERVANT” — Our will and actions must at all times be subservient to the will of the Lord.

◆ “MUST NOT QUARREL” — (machomai) which means “to fight, to quarrel, dispute” (Vine).

◆ “but be GENTLE to all” — (ēpios) means “affable, mild, gentle” (Wuest). We should be easy to speak to, approachable in demeanor; NOT irritable, intolerant, sarcastic, or scornful, - even toward those who err.

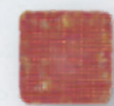
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“ABLE TO TEACH” — involves both a willingness and ability to teach.



“PATIENT” — (forbearing ASV) means “lit. ‘patient of wrong,’ enduring” (Vine). — Sometimes we are not as patient and understanding as we should be in our efforts to teach those in error.



“IN HUMILITY CORRECTING those who are in opposition” — (prautēs), In meekness, calmly and persistently try to show them the truth.

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- “In humility correcting those who are in opposition”
- “PERHAPS” — the word involves the idea of both possibility and doubt.
- God desires and grants repentance to all who will turn to Him with a penitent faith, (2 Pet. 3:9; Acts 11:18).
- The doubt aspect refers to the errorist being taught, whether or not he will respond favorably to the teaching. (Eze. 18:32; Acts 2:37-41; 7:51-54)

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**2 Timothy 2:26
(NKJV)**

²⁶ and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

- “they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil”
- “COME TO THEIR SENSES” — means “to return to soberness, as from a state of delirium or drunkenness.” - Satan has **BLINDED** their eyes (Lu. 15:17; 1 Co. 15:34; Rom. 13:11,12; Ep. 5:14; 2 Cor. 3:14; 4:4)
- “HAVING BEEN TAKEN CAPTIVE by him to do his will” — sin and error both enslaves one to Satan (John 8:34; 2 Pet. 2:19)
- Satan’s grasp **CAN BE ESCAPED! WE CHOOSE!!** (Mat. 6:24; Rom. 6:16,17)

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■ A VESSEL FOR HONOR,

- ▶ Cleansed, sanctified (21)
- ▶ Flee evil and pursue righteousness (22)
- ▶ Not quarrelsome, but gentle correcting those who are in opposition (23-25)
- ▶ Helping others escape from the devil (26)

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GOD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE FAITHFUL

A man with a beard, wearing a brown robe, is seated and writing on a scroll with a quill. He is looking down at his work. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

**2 Timothy 2:19
(NKJV)**

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."

**DO YOU WANT THIS
ASSURANCE?**

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**WHAT TYPE OF SERVANT ARE WE?
HONORABLE or DISHONORABLE?
ARE WE AVOIDING THOSE THINGS
THAT WOULD DEFILE US?**

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**“The Need For
Endurance &
Faithfulness”
(2 Timothy 2:8-13)**

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Romans 9:14–21 (NKJV)

¹⁴ What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! ¹⁵ For He says to Moses, “*I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.*” ¹⁶ So then *it is* not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “*For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.*” ¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens. ¹⁹ You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?” ²⁰ But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?