

**“A Workman – A Vessel”**  
**2 Timothy 2:14-26**

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**KEEP REMINDING EACH OTHER OF THE TRUTH.**

*Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. <sup>16</sup>But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, <sup>17</sup>and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, <sup>18</sup>who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. 2 Timothy 2:14-18 (ESV)*

**STAY IN PROCESS WITH GOD SO THAT YOU ARE PREPARED TO SERVE HIM.**

*Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. <sup>21</sup>Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. <sup>22</sup>So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. <sup>23</sup>Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 2 Timothy 2:20-23 (ESV)*

## The Sanctified Believer is Commanded . . .

- to flee immature desires.
- to pursue godly virtues.

### **WHEN NEEDED, DEFEND THE TRUTH, BUT IN A WAY THAT REFLECTS THE LORD'S HEART.**

*And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup>correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup>and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (ESV)

**TAKE-HOME TRUTH:** Godly truth-tellers prepare themselves to correct spiritual error in God's way, not their own.

#### APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- What's my next step as "God's worker" to expose my heart to the gospel and the broader truths of the Scriptures?
- What in my life right now demonstrates that I am in-process with God? Is some area of my heart in need of spiritual renovation?
- What might it look like in the next year for me to "patiently endure evil" for the sake of God's truth?