

**ARE YOU A CLEAN VESSEL?
2 Timothy 2:20-26**

I. We must have a clean life if God is going to use us (20-21).

Isaiah 52:11: Depart! Depart! Go out from there, touch no unclean *thing*; go out from the midst of her, **be clean, you who bear the vessels of the Lord.**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4: For this is the will of God, your **sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality**; that each of you should know how to **possess his own vessel in sanctification** and honor.

II. We must have a pure heart if God is going to use us (22).

Psalms 119:9: How can a young man **cleanse his way**? By taking heed according to Your word.

1 Timothy 4:12: Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, **in purity.**

Ephesians 6:14: Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, **having put on the breastplate of righteousness.**

III. We must have a discerning mind if God is going to use us (23).

2 Timothy 2:14: Remind *them* of these things, charging *them* before the Lord **not to strive about words to no profit**, to the ruin of the hearers.

1 Timothy 1:3-4: As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine, **nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes** rather than godly edification which is in faith.

IV. We must have a humble attitude if God is going to use us (24-26).

Matthew 11:29: Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, **for I am gentle and lowly in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.

1 Thessalonians 2:7: But we were gentle among you, **just as a nursing mother cherishes** her own children.