

Are You Prepared for Every Good Work?

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¹⁶ Avoid irreverent and empty speech, since those who engage in it will produce even more godlessness, ¹⁷ and their teaching will spread like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are among them. ¹⁸ They have departed from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and are ruining the faith of some. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, bearing this inscription: The Lord knows those who are His, and let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness.

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²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also those of wood and clay; some for honorable use and some for dishonorable. ²¹ So if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

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²² Flee from youthful passions, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. ²³ But reject foolish and ignorant disputes, because you know that they breed quarrels. ²⁴ The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, ²⁵ instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. ²⁶ Then they may come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

1. Two Metaphors, v. 20-21

In this Chapter Paul has used some powerful images to describe the Christian life: we are soldiers, athletes & farmers (v. 1-6); we are workmen (v. 15).

Here in v. 20-21 he speaks of

- A House – The Kingdom of God and/or the church**
- A Vessel – Some made of gold & silver, others of wood & clay or pottery.**

2. The Message

- Not everyone who claims to be part of God's family is part of His family! v. 17-19; Matt. 7:21-23
- We have different abilities and purposes, v. 20; Eph. 4:11-16; Rom. 12:4-11
- We cannot save ourselves (1 Peter 1:18-19), but once saved we have a responsibility to “be prepared” for the Master's use. James 1:19-26; 4:7-10; Col. 3:2-11; 1 Cor. 9:27; Rom. 6:12-14

3. The Mission

In order for us to be “*prepared for every good work*” there are some things we must do...

v. 16, 17 Avoid...*empty speech & false teachers* Eph. 4:25-29

v. 19 “...Turn away from wickedness”, 1 John 2:19

v. 22 “Flee...” & “reject” v. 23

v. 22 “Pursue....” (See Psalm 1)

Application

Are you a part of God's Family?

Are you a vessel God ready for God's use?

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