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2 Timothy 2:20-26

# 2 Timothy

## Running the Race of Faith

Week 05

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## Being Useful to the Lord

Introduction & Review (*2 Timothy 2:21*)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Becoming Useful to the Lord (*2 Timothy 2:19-21; 1 Timothy 3:15; Matthew 13:24-30; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 2:8-10*)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Remaining Useful to the Lord

A. Flee from \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Timothy 2:22; Romans 1:24, 8:13, 13:14, 12:1; Galatians 5:16, 19-21; Matthew 10:23; 1 Corinthians 6:18, 10:13-14; 1 Timothy 6:11*)

B. Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Timothy 2:22; Romans 3:22, 6:13; 2 Corinthians 5:7*)

**C. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_** (2 Timothy 2:14, 23-24)

**D. Gently \_\_\_\_\_ Errors** (2 Timothy 2:24-25; Ephesians 4:14-15)

**3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Being Used by the Lord** (2 Timothy 2:25-26; 1 John 3:8; Luke 19:10)

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**Discussion Questions (2 Timothy 2:20-26)**

1. Why do you think people want to be useful? In what ways have you been useful to the Lord?
2. What do the vessels that Paul mention in 2 Timothy 2:20 represent? (2 Timothy 2:19-21; 1 Timothy 3:15; Matthew 13:24-30)
3. How does a vessel move from being dishonorable to honorable and what does that represent? (2 Timothy 2:21; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 John 1:9) In what ways is an honorable vessel useful to the Lord? (2 Timothy 2:21; Ephesians 2:8-10)
4. What does it mean to “flee youthful passions”? (2 Timothy 2:22a; Romans 1:24; Galatians 5:16, 19-21) What are some practical ways to flee from our sin? (Romans 8:13, 13:14; 1 Corinthians 10:13) Why fleeing from our sin crucial if we are going to be used by the Lord? (Romans 12:1)
5. What are the virtues that Paul tells Timothy to pursue and how does pursuing them help us be useful to the Lord? (2 Timothy 2:22; Romans 6:13)
6. How is avoiding quarrels important to maintain peace in the church and to being used by the Lord? (2 Timothy 2:14, 23-24)
7. In 2 Timothy 2:24-25 what instruction does Paul give that will help Timothy and us maintain peace in the church? (Ephesians 4:14-15) Thinking big picture and even outside the box, how will peace in the church help us all to be more useful to the Lord?
8. What is the impact of following Paul’s instruction and being used by the Lord? (2 Timothy 2:25-26)