

## Be a fit vessel – Cont.

### Review: 2 Timothy 2:20–21

God uses vessels unto honor, whether they are made of wood, earth, gold or silver.

Our Lord would rather use a **clean earthen vessel**, than a **dirty golden vessel**.

Honor vs dishonor – what does the vessel carry?

KEY: Purge – “to clean out”

The Lord uses purged vessels. **2 Timothy 2:22–23**

How?

1. **Don't** \_\_\_\_\_ with the people you are trying to help! \_\_\_\_\_ them. **Vs 23**

- Don't waste time \_\_\_\_\_ with people that don't really want to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.

You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ people that want to \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

Don't let Satan get people because you let them get in over their head!

- As a biblical counselor, you are a \_\_\_\_\_ to people not a \_\_\_\_\_ over them! **Vs 24**

You must not **strive**. Don't **fight** with people.

- You must be **gentle** with people.

**KEY:** You are \_\_\_\_\_ with what you \_\_\_\_\_ about. **1 Thessalonians 2:7–8**

- You are to teach **PATIENTLY!**

**KEY:** Some people are \_\_\_\_\_ than others.

If people want to \_\_\_\_\_, we ought to be willing to patiently \_\_\_\_\_ them. **1 Thessalonians 5:14**

- Recognize that people have problems because they oppose themselves! **Vs 25**

When we do not \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to the instruction and application of God's Word, we end up our own **worst enemy**.

- You as a servant of God must instruct those who hinder themselves in this way! Most of counseling is informing. **Colossians 3:16**

This is the only way to see them recovered from Satan's snare.

How does Satan trap people? He is a liar (John 8:44). He uses the world and their flesh to make lying promises! **Example: Eve** (see Genesis 3:1-7; 2 Corinthians 11:3)

- Your goal in counseling is to be \_\_\_\_\_ of men. **Matthew 4:19**

**KEY:** You aren't in it to win \_\_\_\_\_ but rather \_\_\_\_\_!

**You are working to capture their \_\_\_\_\_.**

- **Your goal: Their \_\_\_\_\_!**  
God wants deceived persons brought to repentance.

## 2. Don't get in the way of their \_\_\_\_\_. Vs 26

- Once they acknowledge the truth, they now have the responsibility to RECOVER THEMSELVES out of Satan's snare.  
The word "recover" = "to become sober again"

- **Now the entire Word of God becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ to help people see their problems from God's perspective! 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**First**, the Bible is profitable for **doctrine**. *It shows you what is \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Second**, the Bible is profitable for **reproof**. *It shows you what is \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Third**, the Bible is profitable for **correction**. *It shows you how to \_\_\_\_\_ a problem.*

**Fourth**, the Bible is profitable for instruction in righteousness. *It shows you how to \_\_\_\_\_ a problem fixed!*

- **You can support people in their biblical responses to problems.**  
You cannot support decisions to sin.
- **KEY: Always show people's problems in the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Word.**

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