

Be a fit vessel – Cont.

Review: Last time we saw our need to be biblical counselors.

Understand that there are 2 kinds of sinners.

1. _____. Vs 25-26

The first type are those who according to vs 26, are in the snare of the devil. They are taken captive! They may be lost or SAVED, but they are literally entrapped in sin.

- They are the “_____.” **1 Peter 5:8**
They are caught in the cycle of sin. They are trapped until someone shows them the way out.
Remember: People have problems because they oppose themselves! **Vs 24**
- They are not opposing you!
They oppose themselves because they have opposed the _____ in their own life!
One of the lessons that the servant of God must learn is found in Eph 6:12

KEY: Our Enemy is the _____ and his _____ of _____. Ephesians 6:12

The solution?

- **Vs 25** You are to INSTRUCT them with the goal that they will:
 - REPENT
 - to the acknowledging of the truth
 - so that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil.

2. _____. Why? 2 Timothy 3:1-9

The second type of sinner is found in chapter three is a very dangerous individual.

- “**also**” – something else needs to be understood! **Vs 1**
- “last days” bring **perilous times**. *Why?*
Perilous = “troublesome” violent, fierce, grievous, distressing. Used of demoniacs- difficult.
WHY? Vs 2
- The world will be focused on converting humanity into a race of _____

Their _____ is not for God but rather _____.

How can you tell when someone is besotted by themselves? There are **MARKERS** – they are...

covetous,

- To covet means to desire something for yourself that belongs to another. **Exodus 20:7**

Boasters

- *A “bragger, or a blowhard” – “a wandering about!”*

proud,

- Arrogant. God hates it. **Proverbs 6:16-19**

blasphemers, (*that means to sin or rail directly against God*)

- *“Irreverent toward what is sacred” “to be abusive, reviling, destroy one’s good name.”*

disobedient to parents, **Ephesians 6:1-3**

unthankful,

- Ungrateful.

unholy,

- If holy means “set apart” THEN unholy is what?

³Without natural affection,

- “without natural affections” = _____ in your affections. **Romans 1:26–28**

trucebreakers,

- Implacable. That is an _____ person. They are warring, refusing reconciliation. Pursuing war. Covenant breaker.

false accusers,

- Slanderous

incontinent,

- They cannot control themselves.

fierce,

- Feral. Wild. Not mild. Ungentle.

despisers of those that are good,

- They don't love good. Hostile toward good men.

⁴Traitors,

- Betrayers.

heady,

- Reckless. “Rash” - careless. *falling forward –headlong*

highminded,

- Proud and puffed up. To swell or inflate with pride.

lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

- Self-fulfillment is more important than submitting to and following God's Word.
Not God loving. John 14:15, 23–24
- They play at “Christianity.” They claim to follow Christ, but they are following self. **Vs 5**
- **Example. Vs 6**
People are their prey.
- They never come into compliance with the Word of God. **Vs 7** **John 17:17**
Compare vs 13. Example? Vs 8
- Their end. **Vs 9**

What is the correct action of the believer toward such a person?

- VS 5 – “**from such turn away.**”
You don't try to reach out to this type of sinner. Turn away.
- Who are most at risk? **Vs 6**

How can we not be silly in sin?

Be a clean vessel! **Romans 6:11-13**

Be wise! **Ephesians 5:15**

Be not deceived! **Vs 1** **2 Thessalonians 2:3**

Plug in with us. **2 Timothy 3:10-14; Ephesians 4:11-15**

Faithfully apply God's Word! **Vs 14-16**

Note the parallel: Romans – Thessalonians (*the letters to the churches*)

- doctrine—Romans
- reproof—1 and 2 Corinthians
- correction—Galatians
- instruction in righteousness — Ephesians through Thessalonians.