

Becoming a More Useful Vessel

2 Timothy 2:20-26

We can choose to be used of God more than we currently are.

1. A Picture of the Church (v20-21)
2. How to become a more useful vessel (v22-23)
3. Dealing with dishonorable vessels (v24-26)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. What do you say to people who tell you the church is full of hypocrites?
2. When a church is reaching people for Christ, will it become less messy or more messy? Why?
3. Core value #6 says, *“We believe that coming to faith in Christ and growing in faith is a process. Therefore, our church will be a place where people are warmly accepted and helped, no matter where they are at in the process.”* On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being lost and 10 being spiritually mature, where do you think most River Hillians would fall? Where would you put yourself? What “next steps” do we have in place to minister to people wherever they fall on that scale?
4. Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26. If the “great house” is the church, who are the vessels Paul describes? How is a vessel for honorable use described in v21? According to that same verse, is there hope for a vessel that has been used for dishonorable purposes? What needs to happen? What insight does v22-23 give into how we can cleanse ourselves?
5. Read v24-26. What insight do these verses give us into how to minister to “dishonorable vessels”?
6. Can you think of someone who needs to take a next step that you can help with? Think of someone you know who’s far from God. What next step do they need to take? How can you help? What’s their next step after that one? What’s keeping you from inviting them to take their next step?
7. Is there a “next step” you need to take this week?