Fan the Flame: A Study of 2\textsuperscript{nd} Timothy

A Person God Uses - Part 7

2 Timothy 2:20-26 (ESV) 20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. 22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1. We must live cleansed lives.

2 Timothy 2:21 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Psalm 119:133 (ESV) Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

John 17:17 (ESV) Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

2. We must live balanced lives.

2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV) So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Luke 11:24-26 (ESV) 24 “When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ 25 And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

Psalm 119:9 (ESV) How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
**James 3:18 (ESV)** And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

3. **We must live forgiving lives.**

**2 Timothy 2:23-24 (ESV)** 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil.

**Proverbs 20:3 (ESV)** It is an honor for a man to keep aloof (away) from strife, but every fool will be quarreling.

4. **We must live humble lives.**

**2 Timothy 2:25-26 (ESV)** 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

**1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**Galatians 6:1 (ESV)** Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.