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**The Faithful's Pursuit of Purity
2 Tim 2:20-21**

Review:

- 1. Leaders rely on God's grace for their ability and endurance.**

2 Tim. 2:1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

- 2. Leaders work diligently to fulfill their responsibility.**

2 Tim. 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

- 3. Leaders trust God's sovereignty over salvation and understand the purification that flows from it.**

2 Tim. 2:19 But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

The church is comprised of both faithful and unfaithful folks. (20)

2 Tim. 2:20 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.

The faithful must purify themselves from the influence and lifestyle of the unfaithful. (21a)

2 Tim. 2:21a Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable

1 Cor. 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

The faithful are motivated to do this by the promises of God. (21)

2 Tim. 2:21 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.

2 Pet. 1:3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

So, what motivates us to faithful service?

1. We will be used by God to influence others for Him.

2 Tim. 2:21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use...

2. We will be set apart for God's exclusive use.

...set apart as holy...

3. We will fulfill God's grand purpose for our lives.

...useful to the master of the house...

Acts 20:24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

4. We will always have the capacity to meet every ministry challenge or opportunity.

...ready for every good work.

Titus 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Reflection & Discussion

1. How can faulty theology derail one's quality of life? Who do you allow to have influence in your life?
2. In what ways do you pursue purity in your life? Have you considered how the influence of the unfaithful can disrupt your faithfulness?
3. Do the benefits in verse 21 excite and motivate you to pursue purity? If not, take time this week to determine why.

SONGS

"God So Loved" - Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash

"This Is Amazing Grace" - Phil Wickham, Josh Farro and Jeremy Riddle

"God With Us" - All Sons & Daughters

"Man Of Sorrows" - Brooke Fraser & Matt Crocker

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$44,564.90
WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$790,799.99
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$881,800.00