



Sermon Outline

Sermon Series: Passing the Baton of a Faithful Ministry

Sermon: *Being a Useful Servant*

Key Verse: **II Timothy 2:20-26**

Introduction: Servanthood – v20 - *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.*

Being a useful servant for the Lord includes the following characteristics:

I. Sanctified and Pure Life is a Useful Life – v21

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable,^[a] he will be a vessel for honorable use set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

II. Seek After a Pure Life from a Pure Heart – v22

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

III. Sidestep Unhealthy Controversies – v23

Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.

The Takeaway: Servanthood's Character is to Win the Loss – vv24-26

And the Lord's servant^[b] 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.