

**For the Master's Use**

The final imperative is that we must be a ...

**III:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Vessel:** v22

Faithfulness is like a two-sided coin—on one side you have the things that you ARE NOT going to do and on the other side you have the things that you ARE going to do.

A. things we are to \_\_\_\_\_

If we are to be and clean tool we must avoid sin and sinful living. While this is an impossible expectation, God continually works through the process of sanctification, to forgive us our sin and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness when we humbly come and confess to Him our sin.

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B. things to \_\_\_\_\_

***But follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace.***

The faithful vessel doesn't stop at just avoiding sin or sinful living, but rather they then pursue God's righteousness for their life; and they pursue their faith in God thus accepting and embracing those times when their faith is tested; and they pursue both loving God and also expressing God's love towards others; and they pursue peace, which is to say they are settled into God's truths, His plan and His promises.

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While we have focused on dads this morning, being a tool that God wants to use in the home to lead and to be a godly father to his children, the truth is these passages were written for all of us.

God desires to use every single one of us. He wants to prepare us unto every good work. But we must be a clean, sanctified, and faithful vessel if we are to useful to God.

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**June 19, 2022**

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2 Timothy 2:20-22

Happy Father's Day! As we celebrate and honor Dads this morning we also recognize that God is using them as tools for the purpose of fatherhood.

Sadly, both outside and inside the church, we are seeing an ever-increasing failure in men heeding their God-given responsibilities as both husbands and dads.

This morning, we will look at three encouraging yet necessary imperatives for fathers if they are to be a vessel unto honour prepared for the work of fatherhood for the Master's use.

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## For the Master's Use

To be ready for the Master's use we must first be ...

**I: A \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel: v20**

<sup>20</sup> ***But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.***

First notice ...

A. the \_\_\_\_\_

Paul uses the analogy of a great house and he uses the words **vessels / honour / dishonour ...**

- **vessels** are tools / implements and he says mentions essels of **gold and silver** and vessels of **wood and earth**
- **honour** = *something dignified*
- and **dishonour** = disgraceful / reproach / shame

And so from the analogy we can draw that within the great house, there are a wide range of tools. One extreme are tools of gold and silver and the other extreme are tools of wood and earth. And of these tools, some are dignified and some are disgraceful.

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B. \_\_\_\_\_

In v21, Paul give the reason for the analogy. If a person is to be a vessel of honour in God's kingdom he must make the decision to purge (cleanse) himself from sin and sinful living.

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Dads, God wants you to be a vessel of honour. He wants you to be confessed up and cleaned up in order that He can use you specific for the work of fatherhood.

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## For the Master's Use

The second imperative ... we must be a ...

**II: \_\_\_\_\_ Vessel: v22**

A. the \_\_\_\_\_ of sanctification

The moment you got saved you were sanctified POSITIONAL-  
LY. As a saved person you are experiencing the PROCESS of  
sanctification. Ultimately, when you are with the Lord, you will  
have PERFECT sanctification in that you will have a glorified  
body.

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B. our sanctification has a \_\_\_\_\_

If a person will cleanse himself of corruption by way getting  
saved and by way of repentance and continual confession of  
sin to the Lord, they will become a tool of honour ... who is  
then useful for the Master's use unto every \_\_\_\_\_  
work.

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Dads, understand this morning that in God's perfect design  
and by way of your salvation and sanctification, you have been  
prepared for the work of fatherhood. That doesn't mean you'll  
be a perfect dad; it doesn't mean you won't make mistakes;  
and it doesn't mean you won't be anxious or nervous about  
becoming a father. But it does mean, that for the great work  
of fatherhood, God has prepared you and enabled you for  
that work through your sanctification.

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