

FIGURES IN TIMOTHY #5 - THE VESSEL

2 TIMOTHY 2:19-23

Paul identifies two types of vessels. Honorable and Dishonorable vessels are determined by their usefulness.

- I. USEFUL VESSELS
 - A. For CARRYING (watering can to garden), COOKING (feeding others), and KEEPING (storage - steadfast)
 - B. We are all to be READY VESSELS in God's Hands!

- II. CLEAN VESSELS
 - A. On the INSIDE first MATT. 23:25-26
 - 1. Only the BLOOD of Jesus LEV. 17:11 / HEB. 9:22
 - 2. When clean on inside, outside will become clean!
 - B. On the OUTSIDE ISA. 52:11
 - 1. This is separation from the world ROM. 12:1-2
 - 2. Living a clean life before God and Man

- III. HONORABLE VESSELS (Represented by Gold and Silver)
 - A. These are durable metals (value that lasts)
 - 1. The child must be durable 1 COR. 15:58 / JUDE 3
 - B. These metals have a shine / hold their brilliance
 - 1. The child of God should shine PHIL. 2:12-16
 - C. These metals are beautiful (wedding rings)
 - 1. The child of God should be beautiful for God
 - 2. Not full of hatred/envy/jealousy/greed/gossip
 - D. These metals are precious - intrinsically valuable
 - 1. We are precious to God MATT. 18:12

- IV. DISHONORABLE VESSELS
 - A. They are not durable: Wood cracks, clay shatters
 - 1. This is sadly true in many lives 1 COR. 9:26-27
 - B. They have no brilliance
 - 1. Hiding their light under a bushel MATT. 5:14-16
 - 2. No light in life means no difference for Christ!
 - C. They are not beautiful - some are even ugly (attitude)
 - 1. Wrongly using mind/eyes/ears/tongues/hands/feet

- V. GOD'S FORMULA (vs. 22-23)
 - A. Some things to avoid (vs. 23, also vs. 16)
 - B. Some things to flee (vs. 22a)
 - C. Some things to follow (vs. 22a)
 - 1. RIGHTEOUSNESS - separated from the world
 - 2. FAITH - relying on God / Holy Spirit / Bible
 - 3. CHARITY - Love for God / Christ / Saints / Lost
 - 4. PEACE - Not strife nor contention!