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20 Timothy

2 Timothy

Week 8: Vessels Analogy, Pastoral Pursuit vs. Correction

General Book Outline

"The Call to _____ for the Gospel"

1. Chapter 1 -- ... Suffer...

2. Chapter 2 -- ... Endure...

3. Chapter 3 – ...Be Strengthened By...

4. Chapter 4 -- ... Preach...

Week 7: Quick Review

Adam's Main Topics

- Key Verse (2:15) "Dividing" vs. "cutting a straight path"
- Key Concept Don't get distracted by side issues by
 - 1. "...handling accurately the Word of Truth."
 - 2. Refusing worldly & empty chatter
 - 3. Trusting that the Lord knows those who are His
 - "...let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness." (V19)
 - The distraction of Korah's rebellion (Num 16)

Context: The Vessel Analogy

Chapter 2, Verse 20

"Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor."

- Gold / silver = <u>honorable use</u>
- Wood / earthenware = <u>degrading / dishonorable use</u>
- (v21) Cleanses...from these = houtos
 - Demonstrative pronoun, so previous subject back to V16
 - "...chatter leading to further ungodliness."

What to Pursue

Across Timothy and Titus

- Righteousness
- Faith
- Love
- Peace
- A good conscience (1Tim 1:5)
- A sincere faith (ibid)
- Self-discipline (1Tim 4:7)
- Godliness (1Tim 6:11)
- Steadfastness (ibid)
- Gentleness (ibid)

What to Flee/Refuse

Across Timothy and Titus

- (Your own) youthful lusts
- Foolish & ignorant speculations
- Worldly & empty chatter
- Myths (1 Tim 1:4)
- Fruitless discussion (1Tim 1:6)
- Worldly fables (1 Tim 4:7)
- "What is falsely called 'knowledge'" (1 Tim 6:20)
- Foolish controversies (Titus 3:9)
- (Endless) genealogies (ibid)
- Disputes about the Law (ibid)

Whom to <u>Correct and</u> <u>How</u>

- "...those who are in opposition"
- As the Lord's servant, first & foremost
- Not being quarrelsome yourself
- In kindness
- Patiently
- Through teaching
- Hopeful for their repentance

"The Elephant in the Room" V26

- Are these people within the church or outside the church?
 - Espousing intelligence but not <u>TRUTH</u>
- How are they held captive by the devil to do his will?
 - They live in fundamental insincerity
- Are they the same or different people in 3:1 through 3:9?
 - "Of women they have ever made their profit, that have attempted any innovation in religion," Puritan scholar Trapp writes
- Are they "outsiders" in the sense of 1Cor 5:9 and 12?
- Are they those for whom "judgement begins with the household of God" in 1Pet 4:7?

A Parting Thought

• There are no chapter divisions in the original scrolls, so this is really Part One of a longer passage that runs from 2:25 through 3:9. We'll pick up with Part Two next week.