

Preparation

2 Tim. 2:19-26

Verse 21 - Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he shall be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

There are things that God wants us to do. Several times in scripture they are referred to as our “good works” (Matt. 5:16, Eph. 2:10, 1 Pet 2:12). But in order to do them as God intends and see the effectiveness that He wants, we have to be prepared.

The way to be prepared is shown to us in this passage. It consists of the following things:

1. Cleansing from iniquity (v. 19-21)
2. Pursuing spiritual growth (v. 22)
3. Calling on the Lord (v. 22)
4. Avoiding foolish distractions (v. 23)

If we will prepare ourselves in these areas, God can use us to reach others who are far from Him, so they can acknowledge the truth, turn from their sins, come to their senses, and escape the snare of the devil (v. 25-26).

To “recover themselves” literally means “to return to soberness.” It’s the idea of waking up out of a drunken stupor. It’s translated “to come to their senses.” People are taken captive, drawn away of their own lusts, and become “under the influence” of the enemy.

