

II Timothy 2:20-26
Prepared for His Work

Ready to do His work (20-21) ***A vessel prepared for the Master's use***

Cleansing – removing the ignoble (Hebrews 12:1 / Philippians 1:9-10)

Not just my sin, but also things that hinder me from serving

Not settling for what is good, but choosing what is best

Consecrated – as an instrument for the Master's use (Ephesians 2:10)

Knowing that He has good works already prepared for me

Sanctified in Him – by His Word (John 17:17) & by His Spirit (Eph. 5:18)

Righteousness pursued (22-26) ***Seeking Him, the source of my righteousness***

Flee – the evil desires of youth (I Corinthians 6:18 / I Timothy 6:11 / I John 2:15-16)

The passions of the flesh – not even a hint (Ephesians 5:3)

The love of this world – focused on my true home (Philippians 3:20)

Follow – the righteous path of faith (Galatians 5:16 / I Corinthians 6:9-11 / Ephesians 5:1-4 / Colossians 3:12-15) ***Faith expressed in love. Washed by His Spirit.***

Following His example of love (I John 3:16-18) Putting on love

Foolish – arguments avoided (I Timothy 1:6-7 / Titus 3:9-11)

Speaking confidently about things you do not understand (Jude 10)

Seeking controversies leading to arguments and divisiveness

Faithful – to gently instruct those who oppose you (I Peter 3:15) ***with respect***

The hope of God granting repentance (Romans 2:4)

His kindness leads to repentance

The knowledge of the truth (John 8:31-32)

A disciple who holds to His teaching learns truth & is set free

The escape of the devil's trap (II Corinthians 4:4)

To remain blinded is to be a tool of the enemy (Ephesians 2:1-2)

Discussion questions for II Timothy 2:20-26

What are some common hindrances that Christians in America should consider removing from their lives? (Hebrews 12:1-2) How can we recognize these things as hindrances? (Ephesians 5:15-

16) **Entertainment (television, movies, sports, social media, gaming, etc.)**

'News' (available 24/7)

How much time is spent thus hindering time that could be used to serve our Lord.

How can we discover what the Master has prepared for us?

(II Timothy 2:21 / Hebrews 12:1-2 / I John 1:9) **CLEANSING – dealing with sin & hindrances**

(Proverbs 3:5-6 / Romans 12:2) **CONFORMITY – not to this world, but in obedience to Him**

(Philippians 2:12-13) **CONTINUITY – being faithful to my Lord**

(Galatians 5:16-18, 24-25) **CONNECTION – walking in the Spirit, being in His presence**

Describe the path of faith.

(Ephesians 4:17-23) **A change of direction – REPENT and follow Jesus**

(Psalm 25:4-5, 9, 12, 14) **A change of paths – humbling yourself and letting Him lead**

(Psalm 119:105) **A change of steps – letting His Word direct my every step**

How are we to approach those who oppose us (i.e. unbelievers) in the hope of persuading them toward the truth? (II Timothy 2:24-25 / I Peter 3:13-16 / Colossians 4:5-6)

Do not be argumentative, but show kindness – gentleness in your instruction

Be in the right place in your heart toward God – be gentle, showing respect to others

Be in prayer – let the truth you share be wrapped in grace (Ephesians 4:15) truthing in love.

Remember that it is God's kindness that leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4)

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