

# Have You Checked Your Price Tag Lately?

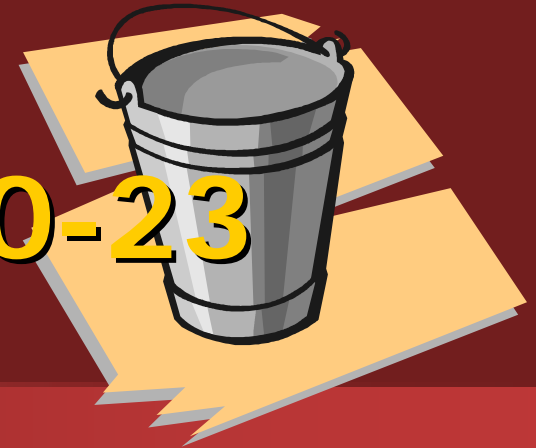
II Tim. 2:20-26

What is your service value?

# Remember that this is the “Character” chapter.

- We Need Character to Promote the **Work** of God
- We Need Character to Preserve the **Word** of God.
  - Character produces faithfulness in doctrine – vs. 14-19
  - Character produces faithfulness in deportment – vs. 20-26
- Deportment is – how I act – my demeanor – my behavior.
- If we are going to preserve the Word of God, our actions are also important.
- There are two **analogies or word pictures** that will teach us much about our actions.

# The Vessel – vs. 20-23

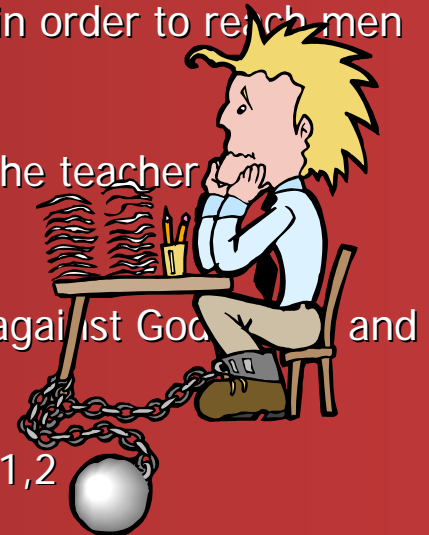


- Description of a variety of vessels
- Definition of a valuable vessel
  - Sanctified – holy, set apart, **pure** from heresy and heretics.
  - Meet for the Master's use – **appropriate** – **useful** for the master
  - Prepared unto every good work – ready - **available**
- Directions
  - Keep on fleeing from youthful lusts
  - Keep on following
    - Righteousness – practical – holiness of life.
    - Faith – daily dependence on God in all things
    - Charity – self-giving – compassionate – sacrificial involvement in the life of someone who needs it.
    - Peace – one who is a peacemaker.
  - Keep good company – you are what your friends are!
  - Keep away from mindless, undisciplined questions. They produce quarrels or disputes.

# The Vassal (Servant)

## vs. 24-26

- Definition of the word – paying homage – giving loyalty – a subordinate to a lord or protector.
- Discovery in the text
  - Conduct – vs. 22
  - Conversation – vs. 23,24a
  - Character – vs. 24b
    - Gentle – mild
    - Apt to teach – gift and preparation
    - patient – willing to endure even personal attacks in order to reach men with the gospel.
  - Compassion – vs. 25,26
    - Hate – stay aloof from false teaching, but loving the teacher
    - In Meekness – tenderly
    - Instruct – correct, rebuke
    - Those that oppose... - those that set themselves against God and truth.
    - If peradventure – perhaps God will...
    - Snare of the devil – heresy is demonic – I Tim. 4:1,2



# What is your value as ...

- A Vessel – Pure, appropriate or useful, Ready or available.
- A Vassal – Willing, Fully submitted to our heavenly Master, serving with the right spirit – no matter what!
- Have you checked your price tag lately?

# Our Prayer Today

Lord, grow within me the character to live your Word. May I be pure, available, and prepared as a **vessel** for your use. May I be willingly and submissively serving you as a **vassal** in the life of ministry to which you have called me. Not in self-**ish**-ness, but in Christ-**full**-ness. Amen.