

“The Work, and the Character of the Minister” (part 1)

Text - 2 Timothy 2:14-21

Topic – Three Metaphors for the Ministry

Series – 2 Timothy – Persevering in Tribulations

The greatest danger confronting the Church, and sincere believers, is
not _____ from without, but _____ from within.

Paul challenged Timothy with three _____ to describe the _____ of the Minister. (2:14-26)

I. A minister is to be a “_____ [a hard worker; vs. 15].” (2:14-19)

A. _____ (warn) believers concerning false teachers. (2:14)

1. Keep _____ believers what they already know. (2:14a)
2. Keep “_____ [warning, and declaring to] them before the LORD that they **strive not** about words to no profit” (2:14b)

What is the Biblical response to those who want to strive about words, and quarrel?

B. _____ : To be worthy of the LORD’S approval, a minister must be: (2:15)

1. A _____ of God’s Word. (2:15a)
2. A _____ : A laborer for God. (2:15b)
3. A faithful _____ : A “straight shooter” of the truth. (2:15c)
 - a. _____ - “rightly dividing”
 - b. _____ - “the Word of Truth” (2:15c; 4:2)

Biblical response to False Teachers\False Teachings (2:16-19)

C. _____ false teachers, and their teachings. (2:16-18; 1 Timothy 6:20-21)

II. A minister is to be a clean, _____ vessel. (2:20-21)

A. _____ - A large house with _____, and _____ vessels. (2:20-21)

B. _____ (2:21) – Every believer has the _____ of being an _____ vessel.

1. Paul encouraged Timothy to identify those things that make a believer, a “vessel of _____,” and _____ himself of them.
2. Three-character qualities of an honorable\noble believer: (2:21b)
 - a. _____ (2:21b)
 - b. “_____ for the master’s use” (2:21c)
 - c. “_____ unto every good work” (2:21d)