

MESSAGE NOTES

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ENDURE: Useful To The Master
2 Timothy 2:20-22
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- When times of testing come, we must be _____ to endure w/Christ
- Cleansing is essential to be _____, useful in the Master's _____.

Those who cleanse themselves from [what is dishonorable] will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.
2 Timothy 2:21

THOSE WHO CLEANSE THEMSELVES...

- Cleanse = thoroughly clean out & _____ all that _____.
- Mark of true believers: a desire to _____ Jesus _____. 2 Cor 5:14-15
- To be His instrument is a _____ & a _____.

HOW TO BE USEFUL TO THE MASTER...

- Flee = run _____ all selfish indulgence. 1 Cor 6:18; 2 Tim 2:4,19
- Pursue = run _____ mature faith, love & peace. 1 Tim 6:11
- "_____ with the _____" -others who are _____-minded. Heb3:12-13
- Stay ready, _____ available to serve as _____ prompts. Acts 8:29; 16:9-10

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
2 Timothy 2:22

PREPARING FOR TIMES OF TESTING

- Lord, I _____ all that's _____ me from being useful to You.

A TIME CONFESSION—FRESH CLEANSING

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Lord, You asked for my hands, that You might use them for Your good purpose. I gave them to You for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. I confess I have used my hands more to grab & acquire than to serve You.

You asked for my mouth, that I might build up others and speak of You. I gave excuses that I might not be disliked. I confess I have used my mouth more to gossip, tear down & promote myself.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of others. I closed them, for I did not want to see. I confess I have used my eyes more to see others as interruptions or objects, to "grade" and use for my own gain.

You asked for my life, that You might work through me. I gave You a small part, that I might not get too involved. I confess I've used my life more as I want and have treated Your promptings as optional.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve You only when it's convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Jesus, please forgive me, cleanse me. I'm sorry for how I've treated You.

By Your grace, renew me for Your service. Please send me out, freshly renewed by Your Spirit, as a usable instrument for Your holy purpose in this world. I will go where You call me to go, and do what You send me to do, and count it a privilege. Amen.