The Kind of Person The Lord Can Use
2 Tim. 2:21

Introduction:
A. Suitability is important to any work.
   1. Secular Work: Doctor, Nurse, teacher, salesman, etc.
   2. Religious Work: Elder, deacon, preacher, Song leader, etc.
B. Suitability is important to all the Lord's work.
   1. Ungodly are unsuitable. (v. 16,17)
   2. Unfaithful are unsuitable. (v. 18,19)
   3. Uncommitted are unsuitable. (Lk. 9:62).
C. The person useful to the Master has two basic requirements:

Discussion:
I. A Purged Person: “If a man therefore purge himself...”
   A. God used patriarchs after they were purged from heathen.
      1. Abraham separated from idolatrous Ur. (Heb. 11:8).
      2. Moses separated from Egyptians. (Heb. 11:24-26).
   B. God uses us after we are purged from old sins. (cf 2 Pet. 1:9).
      1. Purged by blood of Christ. (Eph. 5:25-27; Rev. 1:5).
      2. Purged by our own obedience — “purge (cleanses) himself”
         a. From love and practice of sin in repentance. (Lk. 13:3).
   C. God uses us if we stay purged from sin. (cf. 2 Pet. 2:20-22).
      1. Keep selves unspotted from world. (Jas. 1:27; Jude 23; 2 Cor. 6:14-18).
      2. Keep applying the blood. (1 John 1:5-2:1; Acts 8:22).

II. A Prepared Person: “prepared unto every good work” (cf. Tit. 3:1)
   A. N.T. emphasizes readiness to work.
      1. Ready to give an answer. (1 Pet. 3:15)
      4. Ready to share (give). (1 Tim. 6:17-19).
   B. N.T. emphasizes readiness “every good” work. (cf. 2 Tim. 3:17).
      1. Not just works considered to be “great” (cf. 2 Kings 5:13).
      2. But, also things considered to be “little” (cf. Lk. 16:10)
         a. Woman with alabaster box. (Mk. 14:8).
         b. Good Samaritan.
         c. Widow indeed. (1 Tim. 5:10).
      3. Even works that go unnoticed by others (cf. Mt. 6:1)

Conclusion:
A. Let us purge ourselves and be ready to work in order to:
   1. Be useful to Lord now.
   2. Be able to stand in the Judgement.