The Solid Foundation Still Stands

2 Tim. 2:14-21

Introduction:
A. Paul’s tells Timothy of disappointment in brethren.
   2. Demas. (4:10)
   3. Alexander and others. (4:14-16; cf. 1 Tim. 1:20).
B. Paul gives Timothy three facts to support him through such disappointments:

Discussion:
   A. His gospel is still true. (2 Pet. 1:23-25).
      1. Plan of salvation.
      2. Pattern for worship, work and organization.
      3. Purpose of church.
   B. His seal is still unbroken. (v. 19).
      2. Still stands by those who "depart from iniquity".

II. The House Of God Is Still Great! (v. 20).
   A. Great in spite of dishonorable vessels in it. (cf. 1 Cor. 3:11-14).
      1. Can find all evils of society among church people.
      2. Can find all rotten attitudes of society among church people.
      3. Can find all lowdown meanness of society among church people.
   B. Great because of honorable vessels in it.
      1. Like healthy organs, receive little attention because they demand none.
      2. Like humming motors, often taken for granted.
      3. Like precious metal, tried and proven by fire will be there when needed.

III. The Salvation Of God Is Still Personal! (v. 21)
   A. “If anyone cleanses himself ..., he will be a vessel of honor.”.
   B. “Be diligent to present yourself approved unto God...” (v. 15)
   C. “Keep yourself pure” (1 Tim. 5:22)
   D. “Every part does its share”. (Eph. 4:16).
   E. “Each one may receive...according to what he has done (2 Cor. 5:10; cf. Rev. 3:4)

Conclusion:
A. Remember:
   1. God’s foundation is still solid.
   2. God’s house is still great.
   3. God’s salvation is still personal.
B. Granted, many brethren are not right, but you can be faithful. (Cf. D. Hurst).