Some People “Useful For The Master”
2 Tim. 2:21

Introduction:

A. Second Timothy written to young brother at Ephesus.
   1. Timothy 300 from home and nearly 1,000 miles from Paul.
   2. Timothy subject to temptation of youth in heathen city and the hardships of preaching.
   3. Timothy receive two encouraging letters from Paul.
B. Second Timothy gives us a idea of people that are “vessels unto honor”-- “useful for the Master”.
   1. These are honorable people in God’s eyes.
   2. These are people that the Lord can use.

Discussion:

I. People Who Serve The Lord With A Pure Conscience. (1:3).
   A. Involves Faithful service.
   B. Involves conscientious service.
      2. Can not be right without pure conscience. (cf. Rom. 14:23; 1 Cor. 8:7)

II. People Who Instill Faith In Their Children. (1:5).
    A. A scriptural faith (Rom. 10:6-8,17; 2 Tim. 3:15-17).
    B. An unfeigned faith - not play-acting.
    C. A demonstrated faith - first in them.

III. People With Proper Balance.
    A. Balancing firmness with gentleness. (2:24-26).
       1. Able to contend without being contentious.
       2. Able to humble without being either wimpish or artificial (cf. Col 2:18,23).
    B. Understanding difference in house and foundation. (2:19-21).

IV. People Who Are Willing To Preach The Gospel With Longsuffering and Doctrine. (4:1-2)
    A. In face of hardship. (2:3-10).
    B. In face of opposition. (4:14,15).

V. People Who Will Support Strong Gospel Preaching. (4:3-5)
   A. Financial support is useful, but very small part.
   B. Prayerful support is needed. (2:3-4).
   C. Moral support needed.
      1. When suffering for the gospel. (1:8-11).
      2. When standing up to opposition. (4:9-11, 14-18).

VI. People Who are Looking For Heaven. (4:6-8).

Conclusion:

A. How useful are we to the Master?
B. Are we vessels to honor or dishonor?
C. We can correct it today, if we are not.