



## GREAT VESSELS OF HONOR

### 2 Timothy 2:20

In a large house, there are articles not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay; some are for SPECIAL purposes and some for COMMON use.

In the above scripture, Paul uses an illustration to give Timothy a visual picture on value, to show him that he is a valuable vessel of God. He is a vessel of honour for God's special use and for that reason he should set himself apart. This illustration also applies to us whereby as Christians we are valuable vessels to God and we are set apart for something special. We have the responsibility to live like vessels of gold in response to the call of God (see 2 Timothy 2:21).

Among the characteristics of gold that we can parallel to ourselves is that; gold does not tarnish or rust, it does not lose its identity no matter how long it has been exposed to air or any other external bodies. Just like gold, we are called to retain our identity in Jesus-Christ.

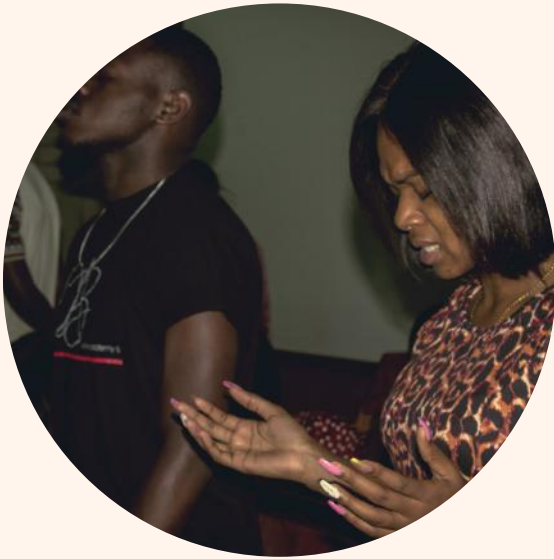
We live in a world where there is so much pressure, and identity crisis is so common that it becomes difficult to remain true and unchanged in our identity as Christians. It becomes so easy to compromise in one way or another. With all that we encounter daily, Paul's advice on how we are to retain our identity and remain unchanged is found in 2 Timothy 2: 1, 4-7, where Paul's first instruction to us is to remain strong in the Grace of Jesus Christ. This grace that isn't only unmerited but it also possesses the strength that enables us to remain true and unchanged in our identity in Christ. The second advice is for us to not get mixed up with the affairs of civilians, because that causes one to lose focus.



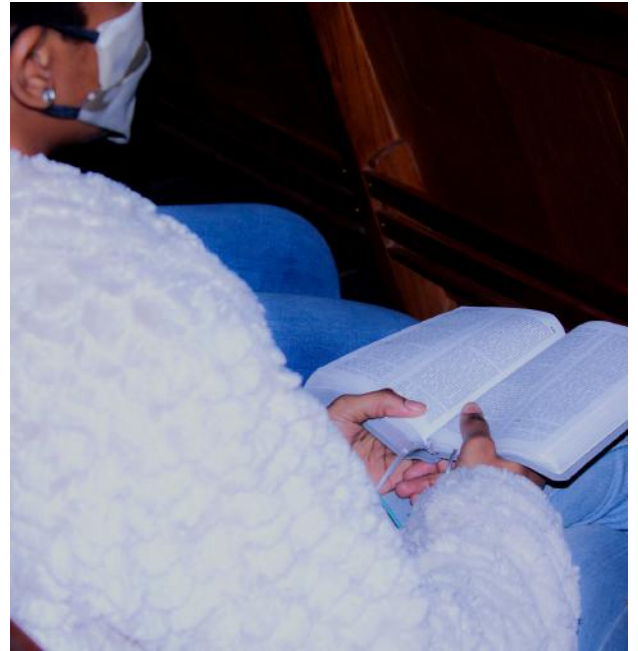
For us to be considered as vessels of honor, set apart as holy, useful to the Master of the house, we have the duty to avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly (2 Timothy 2:16) and we also ought to flee the evil desires of youth and instead pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace... (2 Timothy 2:22).

The idea here is not to put us under the jug of laws or to insinuate that we can be holy through human efforts. It is not a list of do's and don'ts but the idea here is for us to know the truth, and the only truth that truly sets us free is the Word of God. The Bible says that "we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. And everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness" (Ephesians 2:10).

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It may seem like a tiresome job to keep up with being a vessel of honour and remain untainted in a world like this, but it's a lot easier when one relies on God instead of relying on men's efforts. In John 15:1-5; Jesus speaks to His disciples and He teaches about abiding in Him, the benefits of it and how fruitful one becomes by doing so. Here the Lord Jesus clearly says to us that without Him we cannot do anything, so beloved let's abide in Jesus; the true vine, and only then will we be able to be vessels of honor, useful to our Master.



## PRAYER

Holy Spirit, please help me today to let myself be used by God as a Great Vessel of Honor for His only purpose.

My God, I refuse to resist You and I'm willingly surrendering my life to You so that you as the Potter give me the shape that you want in Jesus name

Amen