

SERMON NOTES

FAITHFUL WHEN WE'RE FIGHTING SIN

2 Timothy 2:20-26



BIG IDEA: To be faithful in fighting indwelling sin, we must cleanse ourselves from every impurity, pursue righteousness with others, and respond to opposition with patience and grace.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

If you could be any piece of furniture, what would you choose to be and why?

How does Paul's analogy of vessels in a large house help you understand the importance of personal holiness (v. 20-21)? What does it mean to be a "vessel for honorable use" in your own life?

What are some specific "youthful passions" that can hinder spiritual growth today? How can we actively pursue the virtues Paul lists in our daily lives (v. 22)?

In verses 25-26, Paul speaks about gently correcting opponents and trusting that God may grant them repentance. How does this passage challenge your view of how to handle disagreements, especially with those who don't share your beliefs? What role does humility play in these interactions?

APPLY

What is one area of your life where you know you need to be cleansed from impurity? How can you take a step toward confessing and turning away from that sin this week?

Are you more focused on what you are fleeing from (sin) or what you are pursuing (righteousness)? How can you shift your focus to pursuing righteousness, faith, love, and peace?

Who are you walking with in your spiritual journey, and how are you making yourself accountable?

How do you typically respond to someone who disagrees with you or opposes your beliefs? How can you be more patient and gentle in your interactions, trusting God to work in their heart?

Is there a specific relationship or situation in your life where you need to apply more patience and grace when faced with opposition?

COMMIT

Identify one specific sin or attitude that needs cleansing and bring it before God in repentance and prayer. Reach out to a trusted Christian friend or mentor and ask them to walk with you in pursuing righteousness, faith, love, and peace. Set up a time for accountability or prayer.