

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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On Guard! Protecting My Relationship With God #12

"The Right Tool For The Right Job"

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Characteristics for becoming God's tools:

1. Live life _____

2 Timothy 2:14-18 (NIV) ¹⁴ Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. ¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

2. Live life _____

2 Timothy 2:19 (NIV) Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

Matthew 16:18 (NLT) Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Philippians 4:19 (NIV) And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

3. Live life _____

2 Timothy 2:20-22 (NIV) ²⁰ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. ²¹ If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an

instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work. ²² Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV) ⁸ God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Psalms 34:6 (NIV) This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

1 John 1:9 (NLT) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.

4. Live life _____

2 Timothy 2:23-26 (NIV) ²³ Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. ²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. ²⁵ Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Romans 12:18 (NIV) If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Proverbs 15:1 (NIV) A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

September Memory Verse - 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV) ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.