

PASSING THE
FAITH
To the Next Generation



“The Sanctified Life.”

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Text: *2 Timothy 2:20-26*

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Key Question: *Are you a spiritual spectator ... or an aspiring athlete?*

Movement One: Take a **BATH!** (2 Tim 2:20–21)

- The "great house" (v. 20) is a picture of God's household, the church — filled with vessels of varying value, all available to the King.
- To be a vessel for honorable use, we must cleanse ourselves from what is dishonorable — both in conduct and doctrine (v. 21).
- Ongoing confession and repentance are not optional — they are the daily bath of the sanctified life.
- *Application: Am I ready for good work? Does my life match my message?*

Movement Two: Run the **RACE!** (2 Tim 2:22)

- FLEE youthful passions (Greek: *fuego* — run away fast!) — this includes not just sexual sin but also a love of controversy and quarreling (vv. 14–19, 22).
- PURSUE righteousness, faith, love, and peace — actively, daily, as a deliberate choice (v. 22).
- You do not run alone — pursue these virtues with others who call on the Lord from a pure heart (v. 22).
- *Application: Am I cultivating a pure heart? Who is in my running group?*

Movement Three: Teach the **TRUTH!** (2 Tim 2:23–26)

- Have nothing to do with foolish controversies — they only breed quarrels and distract from the mission (v. 23).
- The Lord's servant must be kind, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, and correcting opponents with gentleness (vv. 24–25).
- Gentleness is the strategy — God may grant repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth (v. 25; cf. Rom 2:4).

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- The stakes: people ensnared by the devil need someone willing to patiently speak truth into their lives (v. 26).

CONCLUSION:

How do we move from the stadium to the field?

Take a bath. Run the race. Teach the truth.

*"Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable,
he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy,
useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."*

— 2 Timothy 2:21, ESV

Notes:



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