

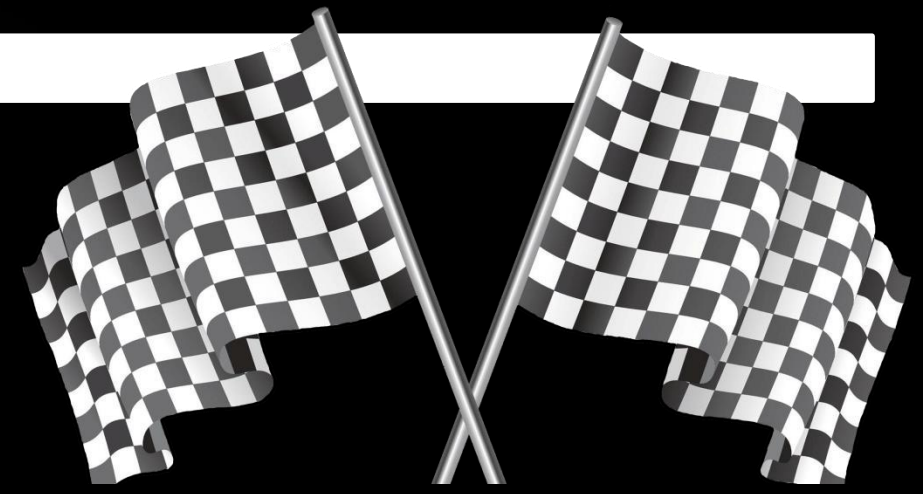


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# RUNNING WELL FINISHING WELL

A STUDY IN SECOND TIMOTHY

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# II Timothy 2:20-21

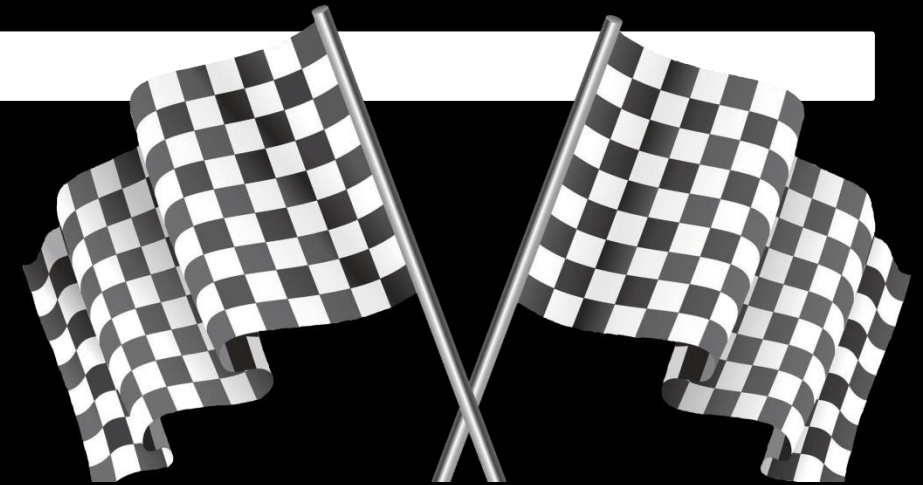




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# USEFUL TO THE MASTER

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On the heels of Paul using  
the illustration of the **firm  
foundation** Paul continues  
on & talks about the  
**large house**





“Large” = **splendid**; prepared on  
a grand scale; stately ... **great**

God’s Church

is a **GREAT House**





How do we (& the outside world) practically make sense of those inside the church ... who have **gone astray** from the truth?





## II Timothy 2:16-18

Paul helps Timothy (& us) to see this **dilemma practically**

... through an illustration of

TWO types of vessels:





This illustration is very similar to the Parable of the **Wheat & Tares** (Matthew 11:24-30, 36-43)







BOTH Wheat & Tares **grow**  
**together** & it's sometimes  
hard (at this point) to  
**identify** between the two





Ultimately ALL the strange  
teachers (like Hymeanus &  
Philetus) will be held  
**accountable** (they will stand  
before God)





It's NOT too late for those  
vessels of wood &  
earthenware to **STOP, repent,**  
& get right with God (become  
vessels of honor)





II Timothy 2:21

I John 1:9





The moment we ask God to  
**forgive** us & to **cleanse** us –  
God will do that; God will  
make us honorable vessels  
for His use!





II Timothy 2:22

II Timothy 2:23-26

How should we **respond** to those from within, who are propagating strange teachings?





1. Refuse **Foolish & Ignorant**

Speculations

2. Do NOT be **Quarrelsome**

3. Instead be **Kind** to ALL

1 Peter 4:7-11





4. Be Able to **Teach**

5. Be **Patient** When you're  
**Wronged**

6. **Gently Correct** those who  
are in opposition







Luke 15:10

SO WHAT?

