

HOW TO BE EMINENTLY USEFUL TO GOD

2 Timothy 2:22

I. Exert your soul in holy activity.

- A. Run from sin.
- B. Run toward holiness.

II. Exert your soul in holy dependency.

- A. Look to the church.
- B. Look to Christ.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What illustration does Paul use in vv. 20-21 to pave the way for his call in v. 22? What kind of vessels do we want to be in God's house (i.e., the church)?
2. If we want to be useful to God, what is the first and most important thing we must pursue?
3. In order to pursue holiness, what must we flee from? What are particular sinful passions Timothy might have been tempted toward? What about us?
4. Paul calls us to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace. Can you briefly define each?
5. Are we supposed to pursue holiness all by ourselves? What is the role of the church in our growth in holiness? What is the role of Christ?
6. Francis Schaefer talked about Moses's staff. What was his point?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. As I look at my life, my calendar, and my future dreams, what is my chief ambition and number one pursuit? Is my chief ambition usefulness to God leading my chief pursuit to be holiness before God?
2. Are my relationships with fellow Christians, together with the public means of Christ, driving me continually to Christ as my sanctification? Do I see the local and broader church as playing a vital role in my spiritual walk and usefulness to the Lord?
3. Has the *me* become the *me of God*?