

Introduction: Where have we come from?

- Recap on the series
 - fight to live for Christ, in light of who God is...
 - to pray...
 - to know our enemy, and oppose him...
 - to have faith...
 - to be holy...
 - to seek God's guidance...
 - to serve and love one another...

Exposition

- Who is Timothy? Who is Paul? What is Paul writing to Timothy?

vs.2:20-21: crockery!

- can live life two way - all part of the household, those that are cleansed used regularly by the Master...

vs.2:22-26: active discipleship

- emphasise active verbs throughout this section - choice in how we live, for noble or ignoble purposes
- righteousness, purity of heart
- relationships - moving away from, not participating in, avoiding those things that cause quarrels - attitude to others when opposed, very humble!
- (remarkably easy to see others quarrelling, others justifying themselves, others being unkind - **much harder to see and being to deal with those things in ourselves!**)

v.4:5: still active in discipleship

- it's the whole tone of the book - fighting to live for God
- endurance, perseverance, keeping going...

vs.4:6-8: looking back, looking forward

- What are our lives about?
 - tributes in funerals...
 - what tribute will I give when I come to do your funeral?

Conclusions

- Not mere good intentions:
 - to follow Christ includes acts of the will, a fight to the death with all that opposes God and his work!