

How To Reach Your Highest Potential

2 Timothy 2:20-23

Introduction:

- A. Reaching your highest potential
 - 1. Does not lie within y_____
 - 2. Has to do with your r_____ to the Lord
- B. Verse 20 pictures a large h_____
 - 1. In it are several vessels.
 - a. Some are used for _____ purposes (china for honored guests)
 - b. Some are used for _____ purposes (garbage can).
 - 2. The master of the house is _____ and uses certain believers to accomplish a good work (see verse 21).
- C. We reach our highest potential when we c_____ ourselves.
Do you want to reach your highest potential? Do the following.

Run away from y_____ lusts (22a)

- A. Why does Paul use the term youthful?
 - 1. Children and youth often do things without thinking about the c_____ .
 - 2. Demonstrates immaturity and ir_____.
- B. Examples
 - 1. S_____ around
 - 2. S_____ matches
 - 3. Losing your t_____

Walk away from u_____ discussions (23)

- A. It is not wrong to have discussions as long as they are useful, but useless discussions are f_____ (i.e. moronic)
- B. How do we know if a discussion is foolish?
 - 1. If it is only about o_____ and discussing them just causes division.
 - 2. If it is about facts, but people are not open to the possibility of having their facts w_____, or not having all the facts
 - 3. When it causes _____.

Run after godly q_____ (22b)

A. Righteousness

1. This is not s_____ righteousness which is a sin.
2. This is living in a way that demonstrates we have a r_____ relationship to the Lord (Matt 5:16)

B. Faithfulness

1. S_____ others even when it is rough
2. S_____ your ground when others taunt or tempt you.

C. Love

1. Agape – an unselfish act for the g_____ of another.
2. This extends to everyone around us, even our e_____.

D. Peace

1. This is not i_____ peace.
2. This is peace between you and others (Rom 12:18) – you must do _____ you can to have peaceful relations.

Run with godly p_____ (22c)

A. We are not meant to live the Christian life a_____

B. How do we know if a believer calls on the Lord from a p_____ heart?

1. Only _____ truly knows a person's heart.
2. A good sign of a pure heart is if a person is actively going after g_____ qualities.

C. Running with believers who are running after godly qualities makes it e_____ for us to do the same.