

Equipped For Ministry

The Master's Useful Tools

Scripture Reading: *2 Timothy 2:14-26*

Introduction:

- A. In the shop of a blacksmith, there are three types of tools.
- B. In the same way, there are three types of people.
- C. We are all somewhere in God's blacksmith shop.

I. Refined Character And Conduct

- A. Elements that have been eliminated in the refining process.

- 1. *2 Timothy 2:21* —

- 2. *2 Timothy 2:22a* —

- B. Elements that have been added for future strength and endurance in the refining process.

- 1. *2 Timothy 2:22b* —

- 2. *2 Timothy 2:22c* —

II. Refined Relationships

- A. Once we've been refined, what can blunt us and hinder our usefulness to the Master?

- 1. *2 Timothy 2:23* —

- 2. *2 Timothy 2:24a* —

- B. If we accept His refining and rejoice in His reshaping, in what ways will He use us?

- 1. *2 Timothy 2:24b* —

- 2. *2 Timothy 2:25-26* —

Conclusion:

- A. Resolve today and this week, I **WILL** be useful in His service!
- B. *Philippians 3:12-16*