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God's

✧ Instruments ✧

for Good in A Broken World

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Instruments *of Peace & Good Works*

2 TIM. 2:20-26



God's Chosen Instruments

How does the word *instrument* strike you?

To a musician it brings positive feelings.

To a talented doctor it becomes a life saving tool.

To an experienced pilot it ensures safe travels.

**How do you feel about being called by God a
chosen instrument?**

A photograph of a path covered in fallen autumn leaves, leading into the distance. The path is made of dark, wet pavement and is flanked by a thick layer of fallen leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a wooded area. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

What does it look like in real life?

How do we make ourselves available to be God's instruments, his tools for good in a broken world like the one we live in?

Instruments of Peace & Good Works

We begin with a troubling scene in Ephesus faced with the harsh realities of church life.

Some people do not have the will of God in mind rather their own selfish desires for power and control.

2 Timothy 2:20-26

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some are for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

2 Timothy 2:20-26

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

2 Timothy 2:20-26

Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:20-26

He calls them “instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.” (v. 21)

That’s us! In the hands of the Master we are those special instruments for his incredible world changing purposes.

Preparation for Great Lives & Good Work

Today, as God's people there is something we need to hear and truly take in:

We have a special purpose!

Do you believe that this is your calling?

How to Prepare for this Great Adventure

- **Flee evil and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace and a pure heart (v. 22)**
- **Reject a life of foolish conflicts and chose a life of kindness and respect helping others to know God (v. 23-24)**

How to Prepare for this Great Adventure

- **Treasure the truth of the Good News and share it with others (v. 25-26)**
 - **Gently teach those who have been deceived by the evil one and those who may be your critics**

Beautiful Music for God

- **Imagine the impact our lives can have when we are in the Master's hand!**
- **Imagine our lives giving direction to those who have been duped by the devil as we, with gentle and humble attitudes, give ourselves over to God's direction and great purposes.**