

1. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A CHRISTIAN Verse 15

1. He must be laborious. WORKMAN implies this.
2. He must seek God's approval. APPROVED OF GOD. Not man
3. He must be skillful in the use of God's word. DIVIDE RIGHTLY
(1) How to teach babes in Christ or full grown men.

2. PROFANE AND VAIN BABLINS TO BE SHUNNED. 16-18 Verses

1. They will increase unto more ungodliness. *1 Tim. 4:7*
2. Lax doctrine...loose life closely connected.
3. Lax doctrine...teaching of error...will have corrupting and destroying effects.

3. THE TWOFOLD INSCRIPTION OF THE FOUNDATION...CHURCH OF GOD. Verse 19

1. The inscription of comfort and hope. "The Lord knoweth them that are his."
2. The inscription of duty. "Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

4. THE CHURCH IN ITS VISIBLE ASPECT Verses 20-22 - 1 Cor. 3:11-15

1. Vessels of gold and silver. Unto honor.
2. Vessels of wood and earth..Unto dishonor.
3. A vessel once formed by its artificer cannot change itself.
4. Paul here represents vessels changing themselves.
5. This teaches that man has power over himself.
6. This completely does away with the false doctrine that God created a certain number to be lost and a certain number to be saved.
7. IF A MAN THEREFORE PURGE HIMSELF OF THESE:
 1. From vessels of dishonor...error...sin.
 2. He must flee these things. Described as youthful lusts. Verse 22

5. AVOID CONTENTIOUS QUESTIONS...CULTIVATE A PEACEFUL AND FORBEARING SPIRIT. Verses 23-26 - 1 Thes 2:1-11

1. The tendency of such discussions: They gender strife, break the peace of churches; alienate Christians; impede the progress of the church.
2. In meekness instruct them that oppose themselves, *actv 11:13* that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil.

