Servants of God

Elijah Morris · 2 Timothy 2:24–26

INTRODUCTION

- This morning we're going to be talking about something that might be very hard for a lot of us.
- Sometimes they read this passage and they think, well, this is only for the preachers, right?

1 A Servant of the Lord

2 Timothy 2:24

- A servant of the Lord is anybody who wishes to serve God, who wants to work for God.
- A servant of the Lord is not someone who wants to debate, who wants to fight people.
- You have reached the pinnacle of this life when you have chosen by your own free will to say, I am a servant of God.
- Your posture, your mannerisms, the way you talk, the way you come at people, is all going to be tied in with your representation of God.

2 Must Not Quarrel but Be Gentle to All

2 Timothy 2:24

- The truth should be defended, but not with a combative spirit. The truth needs to be defended with love.
- A quarrelsome Christian does not represent the gentle-hearted Christian that God wants us to be.
- Gentleness is not weakness. Gentleness does not mean that you are soft. In fact, gentleness shows a lot of maturity.
- Even opponents deserve the kindness that the people who carry God's image bear.

3 Able to Teach, With Patience

2 Timothy 2:24

- A servant of God needs to understand the scripture. A servant of God needs to understand what they are teaching.
- Teaching requires patience, preparation, understanding. It's not just about how much do I know. It's about well, how can I convey this message to you?
- You are trying to guide their heart, but you are ultimately trying to bring their soul to God.
- You gotta show the patience, you gotta show them how God would handle them.

4 In Humility Correcting Those in Opposition

2 Timothy 2:25–26

- Correction needs to be done in a way that is humble.

- Don't think that you are better than people because you understand God. We want them to understand that we sin just like them.
- Meekness is a posture of a servant who knows God is the one who changes the heart.
- This is not a concept that singles out anybody, but calls out everybody.

5 Intrapersonal and Interpersonal Communication

- Intrapersonal communication is when you are coming in your head and you are trying to decide how you are going to connect and communicate with the person.
- The interpersonal part of your communication is how you convey your message, whether verbal or nonverbal.
- Prepare your heart spiritually. Pray with God, talk with God, meditate with God, make some self-examination.
- People are more open to the gospel when they feel valued and understood.

6 Our Lord Is Our Perfect Example

- He who is without sin amongst you, let him throw a stone at her first.
- The only one who could throw the stone didn't condemn that woman.
- Jesus did not ignore this woman's sin.
- Jesus didn't do that by stoning her. Jesus didn't do that by humiliating her.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I invite you to fix that this morning. Have the urgency to understand that things can be made well if you just come to God.**

MY NOTES