

THE LORD'S SERVANT MUST BE KIND

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE · 2 TIMOTHY 2:24–26

THE BIG IDEA

The Lord's servant is _____ to all. The Lord's servant is _____ when wronged. The Lord's servant corrects with _____. (2 Timothy 2:24–25)

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever tried to stay kind to somebody while they were being _____ to you?

We have seen why we speak (Ephesians 4:15) and what it costs (Galatians 2:11–14). This morning's question is _____ the Lord's servant speaks.

THE SERVANT HAS NO QUARRELS OF HIS OWN

2 TIMOTHY 2:23–24

v. 14 don't wrangle about words

v. 16 avoid worldly and empty chatter

v. 23 refuse speculations: they produce _____

The Lord's bond-servant must not be _____. (2 Timothy 2:24).

A slave's time, his work, and his reputation all belonged to his _____.

No fight the Lord's servant is in is ever his own personal _____. (Titus 3:2; Galatians 6:1; 1 Peter 3:15 put this verse on every Christian.)

PATIENT WHEN WRONGED

2 TIMOTHY 2:24

Kind to _____, not just to the kind. Able to _____, because kindness with nothing to say doesn't rescue anybody.

Gk. ἀνεξίκακος (anexikakos)

one word: to bear up under ἀνέχω · anécho~

+ the word for _____ κακός · kakós

= bearing evil without _____

“While being reviled, He did not _____ in return” (1 Peter 2:23).

When we bear an evil word without paying it back, we are being exactly like the _____ we serve.

THE RESCUE BUSINESS

The servant is on his Master's business, and his Master is in the _____ business.

“and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.”

1 PETER 2:23

LOOK WHO IS IN THE SNARE

2 TIMOTHY 2:25–26

Correction is commanded in this verse: “with gentleness _____” (2 Timothy 2:25).

“come to their senses” = to _____ up
you can't argue a drunk man sober; stay near him with the truth

caught in the _____ of the devil
the person in opposition is a prisoner, not the enemy

“held captive” = captured _____ ζωγρέω · zoḡréo~
to take alive — same word as “catch men”; whose net does he end up in? (Luke 5:10)

You do not return fire on a _____. They don't need to be defeated. They need to be rescued.

“IF PERHAPS”

2 TIMOTHY 2:25

If _____, God may grant them repentance. There is no guarantee, but there is hope.

Repentance comes “leading to the knowledge of the _____,” and taught truth is how it travels (Acts 11:18).

QUARREL with a man: a quarrel, guaranteed (v. 23)

BE KIND patient, gentle: “if perhaps,” God grants (Acts 11:18)

WHAT WE DO WITH IT THIS WEEK

First am I about to quarrel, or _____?

Second will I stay kind if they wrong me? Decide _____ you walk in.

Third am I aiming at their escape, or at my win? “How do they get _____?”

ANSWER KEY & STUDY NOTES

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 ANSWER KEY — in the order they are spoken

BIG IDEA kind · patient · gentleness

INTRODUCTION **unkind · how**

NO QUARRELS quarrels · quarrelsome · Master · fight

PATIENT all · teach · evil · resentment · revile · Lord

THE SNARE correcting · sober · snare · alive · hostage

IF PERHAPS perhaps · truth

THIS WEEK **correct · before · out**

RESCUE rescue

 NOTES — *whose fight am I in when the conversation gets hard?*

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