

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SERVANT OF THE LORD

(2 Timothy 2:24-26)

I. THE REMINDER CONCERNING FALSE TEACHERS

- A. You need to **KNOW** the truth well enough in order to **IDENTIFY** error (2:14-16)
- B. Sometimes you need to be **AWARE** of **SPECIFIC** false teachers and their doctrines (2:17-19)
- C. The issue of **PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION** (2:20-23)
- D. The issue of **SERVANT HOOD** (2:24-26)

* Because Paul was an apostle did he consider himself above being a servant?

1. Having a _____ personality is not fitting for the “*servant of the Lord*,” it is inappropriate. (2:24)

* As Christians what should we promote in the church, in the home, in the marriage union?

2. The three characteristics that are described in v. 24 ideally should be true of every child of God, but especially those in spiritual leadership ...
 - a. “*but be _____ to all...*” (Matt. 11:29; 1 Thess. 2:7; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Pet. 2:18; 1 Tim. 3:3)
 - b. “*able to _____...*” (Deut. 6:4-7; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Tim. 3:2)
 - c. “*_____*” (Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Thess. 5:14; James 1:2-4; 5:7-8)
3. The faithful pastor is to express and defend his convictions and exercise his authority in a spirit of _____ and _____. (2:25a)

* Jesus was described as being meek, but can we apply today's definition of a meek man?

4. "Correcting" involves instruction, guidance and in some cases even _____ when the sheep "are in _____." (2:25a)

5. The ultimate goal in correcting-- is for the erring believer's full _____ and _____. (2:25b)

6. With sound biblical instruction there is a chance that the erring believer will "come to their _____," and as a result escape the _____ and consequences of sin in his/her life. (2:26)
 - a. Your three enemies—the flesh, the world and the devil do not have your best interests in mind, but they are bent on your total _____, _____ and _____ destruction.

 - b. The tragic power of sin is that it can be addictive and even _____, it has a way of ensnaring the believer and _____ letting go.

 - c. Not only does God know how to _____ "the godly out of temptations" (2 Pet. 2:9; 1 Cor. 10:13), but He even promises His unfaithful dishonorable "vessels" that He will _____ them. (1 John 1:9)

* How can you personally apply this truth?