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Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy: The Servant-Pastor

Scripture text: 2 Tim 2:24-26

1. All born again believers have been freed from the bondage of sin because of the redemptive work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Hence, we are Christ's servants and He is our Master. We must serve Him readily and gladly. Even though Timothy was a pastor of the church, He was still an unprofitable servant of Christ. Likewise, we must serve God with humility of mind.

2. The servant has several obligations. He must not strive by engaging in petty arguments or have a vengeful spirit. He must be gentle by having a kind disposition and bearing a good testimony for the Lord so that others may see Christ in him. He must be patient when facing persecution and display meekness. Our perfect example of meekness is Jesus Christ who was crucified by men, yet He still died for their sins.

3. The servant-pastor has several obligations too. He must be apt to teach God's people, including those who deliberately persecute him. He must instruct them in a firm, yet meek and gentle manner because the Holy Spirit is able to use the Word of God to convict them of their sins and grant them repentance.

4. The servant's desire must be for God to grant them the mind of Christ in order to do His will. God's will is for all men to be awakened from their sins and to repent. Believers can also be used by the devil if they do not guard their hearts. The hearts and repentance of men are in the Lord's hands and all things will work together for His glory.