

## The Temperament of the Lord's Servant

2 Timothy 2:24-26

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In contrast to the ill-behavior of his opponents at Ephesus, Paul explains to Timothy the necessary disposition of the Lord's servants. This text brings to our attention *three important realizations* that temper our ministry as servants of the Lord. As the Lord's servants, we must realize that:

1. We represent the One whom we serve (24-25).

Our ministry must be marked by Christ-like qualities:

- a. Gentleness–
- b. Instructiveness–
- c. Forbearance–
- d. Meekness–

2. We minister to wretched people (25-26).

Paul describes those opposed to the truth as...

- a. Inebriated–
- b. Ensnared–
- c. Enslaved–

3. We depend upon the work of God for success (25).