

# The Lord's Servant

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Our anchor text is 2 Timothy 2:22-26. Please read it again. Hopefully, we all agree that we are the Lord's servants, and we do not represent ourselves in anything matter under heaven. Jesus is Lord in all things pertaining to our earthly existence. So, when it comes to conflict on social media this is His domain, not ours. Our Facebook page is Jesus' Facebook page. So, imagine that when your fingers touch the keys, they are Jesus' fingers touching those keys. What would He say and how would He say it? Paul gives us four answers.

Must not quarrel

Able to teach

Be kind to everyone

Not resentful

The first is straight forward. If you are a servant of Jesus, you are out of the quarreling business. Period. You **MUST NOT** quarrel. That is not an option. Take that tactic off the table. There are ways to fight back without getting into a useless quarrel. Secondly, we are to be kind to everyone. Get that? Everyone! No exceptions. Your and my kindness does not depend on their kindness or lack of it. The principle of holiness is "Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." (Rom.12:21; read Romans 12:14-21) Kindness is a fruit of the Spirit. It is a position of understanding. It is a position of wanting to not make matters worse. It looks for something good to say about the opposition. You are just going to have to trust Jesus on this one. Thirdly, we are to be able to teach. Yes, we can express ourselves and state our position on matters. We are teachers of what is good. But, in context, this teaching is about spiritual things. We get to choose what we are going to teach. What truths are we going to layout and explain? The content of our teaching must be in harmony with the gospel. Anything beyond that is outside our authorization. Fourthly, we must check our hearts. Any hint of resentfulness will fuel quarreling. The hurts you bring to the fight will drive the fight.

When a matter gets personal and we not only disagree with our opponent, but we do not like, even hate, our opponent, we will find it almost impossible to avoid quarreling. Deal with your resentment before you step in the ring. Remember whose servant you are and engage as Jesus would.