

## FIGURES IN TIMOTHY #6 - THE SERVANT

### 2 TIMOTHY 2:24-26

The Greek word for Servant is "doulos" (G1401) meaning a slave, either voluntarily or involuntarily. Note: Deacon comes from a different word and means "attendant" or "minister" (G1249)

#### I. THE PERFECT SERVANT

- A. The Lord Jesus Christ is our example PHIL. 2:5-8
  - 1. He is ALL God - In the beginning... (John 1:1)
  - 2. He is ALL Man - Our high priest HEB. 4:14-16
  - 3. Yet without sin throughout all His days
- B. He was also HUMBLE throughout all His days
  - 1. He washed the feet of His disciples JOHN 13:4-9
  - 2. Our life should be PATTERNED after Him

#### II. THE MATURE SERVANT

- A. Obeying builds MATURITY - not sinless but sanctified
  - 1. Jesus Christ will judge His servants REV. 3:2
  - 2. But we must strive to MATURE JAMES 1:4
- B. What will help us become more mature as Christians?
  - 1. God's Word - 2 TIM. 3:16-17
  - 2. Always prepared (Semper Paratus / Coast Guard)

#### III. THE CHRISTIAN SERVANT

- A. All men are born in sin and are slaves to sin
  - 1. We inherit sin by blood PSA. 51:5 / PSA. 58:3
  - 2. When we are saved by blood 1 JOHN 1:7
- B. When we are born again, we become servants of God
  - 1. No longer under the penalty of sin
  - 2. But free to SERVE God ROM. 6:17-22
  - 3. Bought with a price - we are HIS 1 COR. 6:19-20

#### IV. THE PATIENT SERVANT 2 TIM. 2:24-5

- A. Christian servants must not STRIVE (by human effort)
- B. Christian servants must be GENTLE to all men
  - 1. Not wild/overbearing/contentious/obnoxious
  - 2. But kind/honorable/honoring/refined/polite
- C. Christian servants must be PATIENT (able to endure)
  - 1. God wrote an entire book about Job's patience
- D. Christian servants must be APT TO TEACH (way of life)
  - 1. Show the lost how to be saved (vs. 25-26)
  - 2. Show the saved God's Word (Meekness) GAL. 6:1