# Antagonists in the Church 2 Timothy 2:23-26

"Individuals who, on the basis of nonsubstantive evidence, go out of their way to make insatiable demands, usually attacking the person or performance of others. These attacks are selfish in nature, tearing down rather than building up, and are frequently directed against those in a leadership capacity.

### I. The Problem of Antagonists in the church: what the servant of the Lord must not do (23-24a).

- > Don't be contentious (23)
- > Don't be quarrelsome (24)

### II. The Procedure for Dealing with Antagonists: what the servant of the Lord must do (24-25).

- A. Be Kind
- B. Be Able to Teach
- C. Be Patient
- D. Be Gentle

#### III. The Purpose in Dealing with Antagonists (26).

- A. To bring them to repentance.
- B. To bring them to their senses.
- C. To help them escape the snare of the devil.
- D. To help them do the will of God.

#### II. The House (20a)

#### III. The Vessels (20-21)

#### A. Honorable Vessels

- Sanctified
- Useful to the Master
- Prepared for every good work
- B. Dishonorable Vessels (Matt. 23:25)

#### We must avoid:

- 1. Operating without standards.
- 2. Serving without sacrifice.

- Is the Lord well-pleased?
- Is the work well-done?
- Is the Word well-used?

"It is a trustworthy statement"

- II. The Athlete (2:5) = Discipline
- III. The Farmer (2:6) = <u>Devotion</u>
  - 1. Perseverance
  - 2. Acceptance of Responsibility

2 Peter 1:3, 5-10



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