



- *I Timothy 6:1-2 (Addressing Slaves)*

THE SLAVES (vss 1-2)

Vs 1 - slavery is nothing new here. God doesn't advocate slavery nor does He advocate revolution. Servants here are better translated slave (Grk. *Doulos*). The proper Christian attitude is to honor those over you, whether they are in public office, or parents in the home, or a boss on the job. God is totally against anarchy. For a Christian not to obey those in authority can cause the name of the Lord to be blasphemed or slandered. 25% - 40% of the population was made up of slaves.

- *I Timothy 6:3-5 ("His Teaching")*

Vs. 3 - "*otherwise*" - (Grk. *Heterodidaskaleo*) - to teach heresy; "*wholesome*" - (Grk. *Hygianino*) - healthy or hygiene; "*heterodoxy as opposed to orthodoxy*"; any other teaching is unhealthy and doesn't lead to godliness.

Vs. 4 - unhealthy questions and strifes bring on the diseases of envy, strife, etc. and should be avoided in the house of God; "*idle speculations*", or "*word battles*".

Vs. 5 - "*perverse disputings*" - rubbing against" or friction. These false teachers are a continuous friction and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness.

- *I Timothy 6:6-10 ("His Living")*

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they just make the best of everything." -Unknown

Vs. 6-8 – conversely the believer is to be “*content*” which is great gain. Too many marriages have gone on the rocks because this principle was violated. Many couples are strained financially, putting enormous pressure on their marriages. Contentment + godliness = great pleasure and harmony.

- ***I Timothy 6:11-16 (“His Goals”)***

The word fight (Grk. *agonizomai*) is an athletic term meaning “*to engage in a contest*” This contest is the whole life of the believer striving to win “*the prize*” of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:13).

Charge or command. Once again Paul presents the seriousness of what he had said. Commandment probably refers to the initial command of 1:3-5.

- ***I Timothy 6:17-19 (“His Duty”)***

With this in mind, Paul say, “*charge them that are rich*” to trust only in the living God and not in uncertain riches. There is nothing wrong with being rich, if those who are rich are “*rich toward God*” and are willing to communicate or give of what they have to those in need.

Then God will give “*richly all things to enjoy,*” This is the path to true happiness and contentment. It is the summation of Matthew 6:33 and Psalm 37:4. There is nothing wrong with making money if the motive is “*that he may have to give to him that needs.*” (Ephesians 4:28)

- ***I Timothy 6:20-21***

- 1) ***The Plea for Faithfulness*** - O Timothy “*guard*” in the military sense that which was committed to your trust. Paul pleads for Timothy’s faithfulness as the requirement of a steward (I Cor. 4). To each of us are given the “*gifts and callings*” (Rom. 11). They are sacred; they must not be taken lightly. None of us dares let up his guard for one minute. The Lord’s ministers must be found faithful!!!