

I TIMOTHY

Chapter 6 Bible Study

Day 2 (Week 11)

¹ All slaves should show full respect for their masters so they will not bring shame on the name of God and his teaching. ² If the masters are believers, that is no excuse for being disrespectful. Those slaves should work all the harder because their efforts are helping other believers who are well loved.

False Teaching and True Riches

Teach these things, Timothy, and encourage everyone to obey them. ³ Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. ⁴ Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. ⁵ These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Paul's Final Instructions

¹¹ But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses. ¹³ And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. ¹⁵ For,

At just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. ¹⁶ He alone can never die,

and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen.

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

²⁰ Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge. ²¹ Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness.

May God's grace be with you all.

Questions

NOTE: *At the time that this letter was written, the Jews were under Roman control, so slavery was a regular part of society. There were about 60 million people enslaved, usually as a result of war, or poverty. So Paul needed to address how to treat slaves.*

1. How did Paul instruct slaves to act towards their masters, and why? (V1) _____

2. Who did Paul say his teachings were from, and what would they lead to (V3) _____

3. How did Paul describe the people that were trying to teach different than what he presented? (V4) _____

4. What did Paul say was the reason why the false teachers would "Act godly"? (V5) _____

5. In verse 6 Paul gives two ingredients for producing "True Wealth", what were they? _____

6. What things did we bring into this world when we were born, and what will we take with us when we die? (V7) _____

Note: "Content" Means (in the Greek) ... to be strong, to be enough, to be satisfied.

Application ... "If you had some stuff, and you put it in a box, you would have "Contents" in your box ... if you were satisfied with what was in your box, you be described as "Being Content".

7. What two ingredients did Paul say we should be “Content” with? (V8) _____

8. What are people that long to be rich trapped by? (V9) _____

9. What is the root of all kinds of evil? (V10) _____

10. Was Paul referring to the love of money, meaning the green stuff we buy things with, or was he referring to loving what money buys (things and services)? _____

11. Paul instructed Timothy to run from the evil things we just described, what did he tell him to run after instead (6 things from V11) _____

12. Paul told Timothy to fight something, and hold tightly to something, what were they? (V12) _____

13. Paul said that at just the right time, Christ would be revealed from heaven by God, how did Paul describe God in verse 16 (3 things)? _____

14. What did Paul say that they rich should trust in, and “not” trust in? (V17) _____

15. How did Paul say that the rich should use their money? (4 things from V18) _____

16. What did Paul say would be the result of doing these four things? (V19) _____

Reflection/Application: What is the one thing that really stood out to you, and how can you apply it to your life? _____

Prayer Guide: Based upon the **second** part of the Lord’s Prayer (*May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven*), Pray for God’s will (His plan and His ways) to be done in your life, and in the life of those around you.

Answer Key

1. Paul instructed slaves to respect their masters so that it would not bring shame to the name of God and his teaching.
2. Paul’s teaching were from Jesus Christ, and they would promote a godly life.

3. Arrogant and lacks understanding; Has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words, which stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions.
4. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.
5. Godliness and Contentment.
6. Nothing.
7. Food and Clothing.
8. Foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction
9. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.
10. Paul was referring to loving the things and services that money buys.
11. Righteousness, a godly life, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.
12. Fight the good fight of Faith, Hold tightly to eternal life.
13. He (God) never dies, He lives in light so brilliant no human can approach Him, no human eye has ever seen Him, nor ever will.
14. Paul told the rich to "Not" Trust in money, but to trust in God instead.
15. Use their money to do good; be rich in good works; generous to those in need; always ready to share with others.
16. They would be storing up treasure in heaven.