

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 TIMOTHY
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 7 - Advice about Slaves and the Love of Money - 1 Timothy 6:1-10

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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1TI 6:1 All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered. [2] Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are believers, and dear to them. These are the things you are to teach and urge on them.

1TI 6:3 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, [4] he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions [5] and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

1TI 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. [7] For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. [8] But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. [9] People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. [10] For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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88. Why should slaves consider their masters worthy of respect? (6:1)
89. How should slaves treat masters who are believers? (6:2)
90. What do false teachers ignore? (6:3)
91. What harsh words did Paul have for those who teach false doctrines? (6:3-4)
92. In what did the false teachers of Paul's day have an unhealthy interest? (6:4)
93. What was the result of the false teachers' unhealthy interests? (6:4-5)

94. What did the false teachers of Paul's day really want? (6:5)
95. What brings us great gain? (6:6)
96. What do we bring into the world? (6:7)
97. What will we take out of the world? (6:7)
98. With what should we be content? (6:8)
99. What often happens to people who want to get rich? (6:9)
100. What is a root of all kinds of evil? (6:10)
101. What price do some people eager for money pay? (6:10)

Lesson 8 - Paul's Charge to Timothy - 1 Timothy 6:11-21

1TI 6:11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [13] In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you [14] to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] which God will bring about in his own time--God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16] who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

1TI 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. [18] Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. [19] In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1TI 6:20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, [21] which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

Grace be with you.

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102. What did Paul tell Timothy to pursue? (6:11)
103. What was Timothy urged to fight? (6:12)
104. What did Paul tell Timothy to take hold of? (6:12)
105. Before whom did Timothy make a confession? What kind? (6:12-13)
106. When did Jesus make "the good confession"? (6:13)
107. How long was Timothy supposed to keep Paul's command? (6:14-15)
108. When will Christ return? (6:14-15)
109. What titles and attributes did Paul ascribe to God? (6:15-16)
110. Why should those who are rich not be arrogant or put their hope in wealth? (6:17)
111. What command is given to those who are rich? (6:18)
112. Why would someone want to lay up treasure for themselves? (6:19)
113. What was Timothy to guard? (6:20)
114. What was Timothy to turn away from? (6:20)
115. How had some wandered away from the truth? (6:20-21)

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