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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6

In Your Group Read 1 Timothy chapter six (aloud) in a modern translation or read it in the King James Version (below). As a Group, Discuss the general content of the chapter.

THE LETTER OF 1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6 King James Version

1 TIMOTHY 6: [1] Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. **[2]** And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. **[3]** If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; **[4]** He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, **[5]** Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. **[6]** ¶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. **[7]** For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. **[8]** And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. **[9]** But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **[10]** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **[11]** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **[12]** Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. **[13]** ¶ I give thee charge in the

sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; **[14]** That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: **[15]** Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; **[16]** Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. **[17]** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; **[18]** That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; **[19]** Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. **[20]** O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: **[21]** Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GROUP: Read and Discuss each verse and translation along with the “Additional Information” in each box provided.

**1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6
VERSES 1-2**

1 Timothy 6: [1] Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. [2] And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. (King James Version)

¹Christian slaves should work hard for their owners and respect them; never let it be said that Christ’s people are poor workers. Don’t let the name of God or his teaching be laughed at because of this. ²If their owner is a Christian, that is no excuse for slowing down; rather they should work all the harder because a brother in the faith is being helped by their efforts. **(The Living Bible)**

[1] All who wear the yoke of slavery must consider their masters worthy of all respect, so that the name of God and the Christian teaching are not brought into disrepute. **[2]** Slaves of Christian masters must not take liberties with them just because they are their brothers. Quite the contrary: they must do their work all the better because those who receive the benefit of their service are one with them in faith and love. **(The Revised English Bible)**

[1] All those Christians who are slaves must think of their masters as people who should be given full honor and respect, so that no one will say insulting things about God and His teaching. **[2]** And those who have masters who are believers mustn’t think that they don’t have to show their masters the proper respect because they are brothers. Instead, they must work all the harder for their masters, because those who

are getting the benefit of their work are believers whom they love. You must keep on teaching these things and urging the people to follow them. **(New Testament in Everyday American English)**

[1] All people who are slaves should show full respect to their masters. When they do that, then God's name and our teaching will not be criticized. [2] Some slaves have masters who are believers. So those slaves and those masters are brothers. But the slaves should not show them any less respect. No! Those slaves should serve those believing masters even better. Why? Because those slaves are helping believers that they love. **(The Easy-to-Read New Testament)**

[1] If you are employed by someone, give full honor and respect to your employer by obeying orders and working industriously, so that God and His teachings are not ridiculed because of you. [2] If your employer is a follower of the Lord, don't be jealous of him or think you don't need to work as hard for him because he's a fellow follower. Instead, work even harder, because the one you are benefiting believes as you do, and he is loved by the Lord. Timothy, you must make a practice of teaching and emphasizing these things. **(The Last Days Bible)**

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6

VERSES 3-5

1 Timothy 6: [3] If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; [4] He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, [5] Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. (King James Version)

³Some false teachers may deny these things, but these are the sound, wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they are the foundation for a godly life. ⁴Anyone who teaches anything different is both conceited and ignorant. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, fighting, slander, and evil suspicions. ⁵These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they don't tell the truth. To them religion is just a way to get rich. **(New Living Translation)**

If you have leaders there who teach otherwise, who refuse the solid words of our Master Jesus and this godly instruction, tag them for what they are: ignorant windbags who infect the air with germs of envy, controversy, bad-mouthing, suspicious rumors. Eventually there's an epidemic of backstabbing, and truth is but a distant memory. They think religion is a way to make a fast buck. (verses 3-5) **(The Message)**

³Some may deny these things, but they are the sound, wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ and are the foundation for a godly life. ⁴Anyone who says anything different is both proud and stupid. He is quibbling over the meaning of Christ's words and stirring up arguments ending in jealousy and anger, which only lead to name-calling, accusations, and evil suspicions. ⁵These arguers—their minds warped by sin—

don't know how to tell the truth; to them the Good News is just a means of making money. Keep away from them. **(The Living Bible)**

This is the sort of thing you should teach and preach, and if anyone tries to teach some doctrinal novelty and does not follow sound teaching (which we base on our Lord Jesus Christ's own words and which leads to Christ-like living), then he is a conceited idiot! His mind is a morbid jumble of disputation and argument, things which lead to nothing but jealousy, quarrelling, insults and malicious innuendoes-continual wrangling, in fact, among men of warped minds who have lost their real hold on the truth but hope to make some profit out of the Christian religion. (verses 3-5) **(Phillips Translation)**

[3] Those who teach anything different than the wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and do not agree with the teaching that is in harmony with godliness, **[4]** are puffed up with pride, and understand nothing. They have a sick desire to keep on arguing over controversial questions and to quibble over words. This results in envy, quarreling, insults, evil suspicions, **[5]** and endless wrangling between people whose minds are corrupt, who have been robbed of the truth, and think of religion as a way of making money. **(The New Translation)**

[3] The things our Lord Jesus Christ taught are the teachings which make us spiritually healthy and lead people to live godly lives. And if it's true that someone has come into your group who is teaching something different from what Jesus taught, **[4]** that person is blinded with pride and knows nothing at all. He has a sick mind which thinks only about quarreling and arguing. And such arguments produce jealousy, quarrels, insults, evil suspicions, **[5]** and constant arguments between people whose minds are completely destroyed, and who have lost all knowledge of the truth. **(New Testament in Everyday American English)**

[3] If anyone teaches otherwise, and doesn't agree with the sound teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, teachings that promote godly living, he is conceited and lacks understanding. **[4]** He has a sick desire to dispute and argue the fine points of the meaning of words, which results in envy, quarreling, malicious charges, and evil suspicions. **[5]** Such people's minds are corrupt, majoring in arguments of no real value or importance. They have no personal acquaintance with the truth. They're only interested in religion if it increases their wealth. Withdraw yourself from such people! **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verse 3) – “consent not to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Again Paul reverts to the necessity of sound doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3). All teaching is to be judged by its agreement with the words of our Lord Jesus Christ (Spirit Filled Life Bible. p. 1847).

(Verse 5) – “men destitute of the truth.” False teachers are in a state of apostasy; that is, although they once knew and seemed to embrace the truth, they turned to openly reject it. The Greek word for “destitute” means to steal, to rob or to deprive, and its form here indicates that someone or something was pulled away from contact with the truth (MacArthur Bible Commentary, p.1797).

“Supposing that gain is godliness.” Almost always behind false teachers is the driving motivation of monetary gain (Acts 8:18-23; 2 Pet. 2:15) (Ibid. p. 1797). Congregational leaders were to be chosen from those known for their “freedom from the love of money” (1 Timothy 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7) (Bible Knowledge Commentary, p. 746).

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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6
VERSES 6-10

1 Timothy 6: [6] ¶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. [7] For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. [8] And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. [9] But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. [10] For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (King James Version)

⁶Yet true religion with contentment is great wealth. ⁷After all, we didn't bring anything with us when we came into the world, and we certainly cannot carry anything with us when we die. ⁸So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For the love of money is at the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. **(New Living Translation)**

⁶And religion does make your life rich, by making you content with what you have. ⁷We didn't bring anything into this world, and we won't take anything with us when we leave. ⁸So we should be satisfied just to have food and clothes. ⁹People who want to be rich fall into all sorts of temptations and traps. They are caught by foolish and harmful desires that drag them down and destroy them. ¹⁰The love of money causes all kinds of trouble. Some people want money so much that they have given up their faith and caused themselves a lot of pain. **(Contemporary English Version)**

A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God. Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless, if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough. But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time. Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after. (verses 6-10) **(The Message)**

⁶Do you want to be truly rich? You already are if you are happy and good. ⁷After all, we didn't bring any money with us when we came into the world, and we can't carry away a single penny when we die. ⁸So we should be well satisfied without money if we have enough food and clothing. ⁹But people who long to be rich soon begin to do all kinds of wrong things to get money, things that hurt them and make them evil-minded and finally send them to hell itself. ¹⁰For the love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows. **(The Living Bible)**

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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6
VERSES 11-12

1 Timothy 6: [11] But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. [12] Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. (King James Version)

[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. **(New International Version)**

¹¹ But you, Timothy, belong to God; so run from all these evil things, and follow what is right and good. Pursue a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight for what we believe. Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has given you, which you have confessed so well before many witnesses. **(New Living Translation)**

But you, the man of God, keep clear of such things. Set your heart on integrity, true piety, faithfulness, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the worthwhile battle of the faith, keep your grip on that life eternal to which you have been called, and to which you boldly professed your loyalty before many witnesses. (verses 11-12) **(Phillips Translation)**

[11] But you, man of God, avoid all these things. Strive for righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. **[12]** Run your best in the race of faith, and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you when you made your good profession of faith before many witnesses. **(Today's English Version)**

[11] But you are a man of God. So you should stay away from all those things. Try to live in the right way, serve God, have faith, love, patience, and gentleness. **[12]** Keeping your faith is like running a race. Try as hard as you can to win that race. Be sure you get that life that continues forever. You were called to have that life. And you confessed the great truth about Christ in a way that many people heard you. **(The Easy-to-Read New Testament)**

Additional Information: (Verse 11) – “O man of God.” The man of God is known by what he: (1) flees from (verse 11); (2) follows after (verse 11); (3) fights for (verse 12); and (4) is faithful to (verses 13-14) (MacArthur Bible Commentary, p.1798).

“**Flee**” is in the Greek present imperative and denotes a continuous action. The temptation for riches is ever present and Timothy was to constantly run from this desire. Instead he was to “**follow**” or to run after righteousness, etc. (Liberty Bible Commentary, Vol.2, p.640).

(Verse 12) – “Fight the good fight of faith.” Fight the good fight is the language of an athletic contest. The Greek word for “**fight**” gives us the English word “**agonize**,” and was used in athletic endeavors to describe the concentration, discipline, and extreme effort needed to win. (MacArthur Bible Commentary, p. 1798).

“**Hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.**” This probably refers to Timothy's confession of faith made when he was baptized; it is his public confession of Jesus as Lord (See 1 Cor. 12:3; Rom. 10:9; Phil. 2:11).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6
VERSES 13-16

1 Timothy 6: [13] ¶ I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; [14] That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: [15] Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; [16] Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. (King James Version)

¹³ Now I ask you to make a promise. Make it in the presence of God, who gives life to all, and in the presence of Jesus Christ, who openly told Pontius Pilate about his faith. ¹⁴ Promise to obey completely and fully all that you have been told until our Lord Jesus Christ returns. ¹⁵ The glorious God is the only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords. At the time that God has already decided, he will send Jesus Christ back again. ¹⁶ Only God lives forever! And he lives in light that no one can come near. No human has ever seen God or ever can see him. God will be honored, and his power will last forever. Amen. **(Contemporary English Version)**

I'm charging you before the life-giving God and before Christ, who took his stand before Pontius Pilate and didn't give an inch: Keep this command to the letter, and don't slack off. Our Master, Jesus Christ, is on his way. He'll show up right on time, his arrival guaranteed by the Blessed and Undisputed Ruler, High King, High God. He's the only one death can't touch, his light so bright no one can get close. He's never been seen by human eyes – human eyes can't take Him in! Honor to Him, and eternal rule! Oh, yes. (verses 13-16) **(The Message)**

I charge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things and Christ Jesus who fearlessly witnessed to the truth before Pontius Pilate, to keep your commission clean and above reproach until the final coming of Christ. This will be, in his own time, the final denouement of God, who is the blessed controller of all things, the king over all kings and the master of all masters, the only source of immortality, the One who lives in unapproachable light, the One whom no mortal eye has even seen or ever can see. To him be acknowledged all honour and power for ever, amen! (verses 13-16) **(Phillips Translation)**

[13] I tell you this in front of God Who gives life to all people and in front of Jesus Christ Who spoke well in front of Pontius Pilate. **[14]** You must do all our Lord Jesus Christ said so no one can speak against you. Do this until He comes again. **[15]** At the right time, we will be shown that God is the One Who has all power. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. **[16]** He can never die. He lives in a light so bright that no man can go near Him. No man has ever seen God or can see Him. Honor and power belong to Him forever. Let it be so. **(The New Life Testament)**

[13] But now in the presence of God, who gives life to all that lives, and before Jesus Christ, who gave a faithful confession while testifying before Pontius Pilate, **[14]** I charge you to obey all the order He has given you; that you keep yourself altogether pure and blameless, from now until our Lord Jesus Christ appears in the heavens as He

returns to earth to receive His Kingdom. **[15]** His appearing will be brought about at the proper time by God, who is the revered and only Ruler, the true King of kings and Lord of lords. **[16]** It is He, God alone, who has immortality, existing in light so utterly brilliant that no man can approach Him. No man has ever even seen Him, nor is any man able to see Him. May we all highly honor Him, and acknowledge that by His power God will rule forever. So be it! **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verse 13) – “Christ Jesus, who witnessed a good confession.”

Knowing that such a confession would cost Him His life, Jesus nevertheless confessed that He was truly the King and Messiah (John 18:33-37). He rarely evaded danger (Jn. 7:1); he boldly and trustfully committed Himself to God who raises the dead (Col. 2:12) (MacArthur Bible Commentary, p.1798).

(Verse 14) – “That thou keep this commandment.” This probably refers to the entire revealed Word of God, which Paul charged Timothy to preach (2 Tim. 4:2). Paul also repeatedly encouraged Timothy to guard it. (1 Tim. 6:20; 1:18-19; 4:6, 16; 2 Tim. 1:13-14; 2:15-18) (Ibid. p. 1798). This whole book is a charge to be alert to the false teachers and their doctrine (Liberty Bible Commentary, p.640).

“Until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: which in His times He shall show.” Early in his ministry Paul was convinced that Christ would return soon. Now near the end of his ministry he showed both an awareness that Christ might not return before he (Paul) died and a desire to encourage Timothy to leave the timing of this great event up to the Lord (The Bible Knowledge Commentary, p.747).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6 VERSES 17-19

1 Timothy 6: [17] Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; [18] That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; [19] Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (King James Version)

¹⁷Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. ¹⁹By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well. **(The Living Bible)**

[17] Command those who are rich with this world's *goods* not to be proud and not to put their hope in the uncertainty of wealth, but in God *alone*, who richly supplies us with everything to enjoy. **[18]** *Command them* to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and ready to share. **[19]** *In this way* they will treasure up for themselves a firm foundation for the future, so that they can take a strong grip on life that is life indeed. **(The New Translation)**

[17] Command people who are rich in this world not to be proud. Tell them not to put their hope in riches. Wealth is so uncertain. Command those who are rich to put their hope in God. He richly provides us with everything to enjoy. **[18]** Command the

rich to do what is good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things. They must give freely. They must be willing to share. **[19]** In that way they will put riches away for themselves. It will provide a firm basis for the next life. Then they will take hold of the life that really is life. **(New International Reader's Version)**

[17] Give this command to the people who are rich with the things this world has. Tell them not to be proud. Tell those rich people to hope in God, not their money. Money cannot be trusted. But God takes care of us richly. He gives us everything to enjoy. **[18]** Tell the rich people to do good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things. And tell them to be happy to give and ready to share. **[19]** By doing that they will be saving a treasure for themselves in heaven. That treasure will be a strong foundation – their future life can be built on that treasure. Then they will be able to have the life that is true life. **(The Easy-to-Read New Testament)**

Additional Information: (Verse 17) – “Highminded” means to have an exalted opinion of oneself.

(Verse 18) – “Be rich in good works.” Christians are to be rich, not in money, but in good works.

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 6 VERSES 20-21

1 Timothy 6: [20] O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: [21] Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. (King James Version)

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. **(New Living Translation)**

Timothy, guard most carefully your divine commission. Avoid the Godless mixture of contradictory notions which is falsely known as “knowledge” – some have followed it *and lost their faith*. Grace be with you all. (verses 20-21) **(Phillips Translation)**

[20] Timothy, God has trusted you with many things. Keep those things safe. Stay away from people who say foolish things that are not from God. Stay away from people who argue against the truth. Those people use something they call “knowledge.” - but it is really not knowledge. **[21]** Some people say that they have that “knowledge.” Those people have left the true faith (teaching). God's grace (kindness) be with you all. **(The Easy-to-Read New Testament)**

[20] Timothy, guard what God has trusted you with. Turn away from godless chatter. Stay away from opposing ideas that are falsely called knowledge. **[21]** Some people believe them. By doing that they have wandered away from the faith. May God's grace be with you. **(New International Reader's Version)**

[20] Timothy, guard what you were given! Turn away from unholy stories, old wives' tales, and the opposition of so called “knowledge.” **[21]** Some believers have

claimed to have this “knowledge,” but they have strayed away from the faith. Gracious love be with you. **(The Simple English Bible)**

[20] Oh, Timothy, guard what God has given you for safe-keeping. Don’t allow yourself to be influenced in any way by empty chatter, or by those who contradict God’s truths and teachings by what they falsely claim is better knowledge and understanding.

[21] Some who once believed have been taken in by such false teaching, and have strayed away from their faith in Christ. May God bless and keep you. So be it! Most sincerely, Paul **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verse 20) – “O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust.”

One final time Paul exhorted Timothy to keep, that is, guard the deposit or “trust” Paul had passed on to him, a reference to the body of Christian truth which in some way was under attack in Ephesus. (The Bible Knowledge Commentary, p.748).

“**Science**” (Greek – gnosis) here means “knowledge,” that is, false doctrine – anything claiming to be the truth that is in fact a lie. False teachers typically claim to have superior knowledge but are in fact are ignorant in their understanding.

(Verse 21) – “Some have erred concerning the faith.” The idea here is of departing from the Christian faith. See similar expressions in 1 Timothy 1:19; 4:1; 5:8. (Helps for Translators, p.64).

“**Grace be with thee (you).**” The Greek for “you” here is plural, indicating that, although Paul is writing to Timothy, he expects the letter to be read to the entire Ephesian congregation (NIV Study Bible).

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(1 Timothy Chapter 6)

Instructions for Group Leader: Do not let the group read the following questions and answers. The leader of your group should ask the group the following questions and encourage the group to discover the answers by going to the appropriate Scriptures. **Discuss and answer (as a group) the questions correctly by using the Scripture(s). Turn to 1 Timothy Chapter 6.**

1. **Read 1 Timothy 6:1.** If you were a Christian slave in Bible days, or if you are employed by someone today, you should: a. give full honor and respect to your employer. b. obey his orders. c. work industriously. d. all of the above.

2. **Read 1 Timothy 6:2.** Slaves of Christian masters must not take liberties with them just because they are their brothers in the faith. True or False.

3. **Read 1 Timothy 6:3-4.** If anyone refuses the solid words of the Lord Jesus and His godly instruction, tag them for what they are, ignorant windbags. True or False.

4. **Read 1 Timothy 6:5.** False teachers think religion is just a way to get rich. True or False.

5. **Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8.** If we have food and clothing we should be content. True or False.

6. **Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10.** Some people, craving money, have wandered away from the true Christian faith. True or False.
7. **Read 1 Timothy 6:11.** A man of God is to pursue: a. righteousness. b. godliness. c. faith. d. love. e. endurance. f. gentleness. g. all of the above.
8. **Read 1 Timothy 6:12.** As a Christian, you are to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on: a. good Bible teaching. b. eternal life. c. the prosperity message.
9. **Read 1 Timothy 6:12.** The Christian life is like: a. running a race. b. watching television. c. sitting on a chair.
10. **Read 1 Timothy 6:13-14.** The Apostle Paul said to Timothy, “In the presence of God and Jesus Christ, keep your commission clean and above reproach until the final coming of Christ.” True or False.
11. **Read 1 Timothy 6:16.** God alone has immortality. True or False.
12. **Read 1 Timothy 6:17.** Those that are rich are not to trust in their money, but in God alone. True or False.
13. **Read 1 Timothy 6:18.** Money is to be used to: a. do good works. b. give to those in need. c. share with others. d. all of the above.
14. **Read 1 Timothy 6:19.** As Christians we are to store up real treasures in: a. the bank. b. our savings account. c. heaven.
15. **Read 1 Timothy 6:19.** Again in this verse we see the expression: a. go to the store. b. lay hold on eternal life. c. read your Bible every day.
16. **Read 1 Timothy 6:20.** As Christians we are to stay away from: a. people who say foolish things that are not from God. b. people who argue against the truth. c. people who use something they call “knowledge” but is really not. d. all of the above.
17. **Read 1 Timothy 6:21.** Some believers have claimed to have better “knowledge” (which is really false teaching), but in reality they have strayed away from the true Christian faith (sound doctrine). True or False.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are basically 3 kinds of translations. See page 7

657 Scholars were used in this study book (over 100 years of scholarship).

This Bible study tool causes you to meditate the Scriptures. Like food, each verse you chew over and over by reading and discussing the translations.

A “lexicon” is a dictionary for words used in the Bible (example: Strong’s, Vine’s, Thayer’s).

An “autograph” means the original manuscript written by the original author. For example, Paul’s letter to the Romans written and hand signed by Paul.

“Canon” of Scripture means the officially accepted books of the Bible recognized and accepted as God’s Word.

The primary standard applied to a New Testament book was that it was written by an Apostle or by someone close to the Apostles. The early church continued in the apostle’s doctrine by reading the Scriptures (the whole letter written to them) and applying the truths of that letter (Acts 2:42). Apostolic writings carried ultimate authority.

I personally adhere to the first-century church and what the early believers understood when they first heard a New Testament letter read to them. I personally do not adhere to a twentieth-century mystical interpretation that reads into the passage doctrines that the early church did not know nor perceive. Don W. Krow

“Context” is that which proceeds and/or follows any part of a discourse.

“Interpretation” means our attempt to determine the Bible’s intended meaning. What does the passage actually say? What did the author mean?

Currently we have over 5,000 early Greek manuscript portions and over 20,000 early translations of the New Testament.

The “Septuagint” is the Greek translation of the Old Testament. This translation became very popular among Jews in the first two centuries before Christ. Early Christians used it as their Bible.

John Wyclif and his associates were the first to translate the entire Bible into English from Latin in 1384.

William Tyndale completed his translation in 1525. It is estimated that one-third of the King James Version is worded as Tyndale and 90% of Tyndale’s work is reproduced in the King James Version.

William Tyndale completed in 1525 his Bible translation and smuggled 15,000 copies into England between 1525 and 1530. Church authorities confiscated and burned these copies and there are only parts of 3 editions remaining today.

The Geneva Bible (1560) was the Bible brought to America by the Pilgrims. It took almost 50 years for the King James Version to achieve a higher place than the popular Geneva Bible.

The “original Greek.” There are two basic Greek text families. The “Byzantine” or “Western” text, and the “Alexandrian” or “Eastern” text. The western text contains about 15% more material than the eastern text. The eastern text relies heavily on only a few manuscripts, the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus.

“The Older manuscripts.” The late Edward W. Goodrick (a translator of the NIV) stated, “Nor should the textual critic go by the age of the manuscript alone as if the older would always be the better, for we don’t know how old the parent manuscript was when its offspring was born. A seventh century manuscript might have been copied from a sixth century manuscript, but a fifteenth century manuscript might have been copied from a third century manuscript.”

Is a translation the Word of God? The King’s speech before Parliament, when translated into French, Dutch, Italian, and Latin, is still the King’s speech although it is not always translated with as good a style or as apt a phrase or exact a sense. There is no reason, therefore, why one should deny that a translation is the Word of God. (Is My Bible the Inspired Word of God? p.80).

The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years with over 40 different writers from different walks of life.

Good translations should say the same thing in different styles.

Good translations can be used as commentaries, communicating the same message in different words.

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