

## 1 Timothy

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### Lesson 6: 1 Timothy 6

We live in a time where so-called pastors are seeking popularity and look no different from Hollywood's movie stars. Many of them are after fame and fortune instead of shepherding God's flock. In Paul's closing words to young Timothy, he gives more identifying marks of false teachers and commands Timothy to stay focused on his calling instead of pursuing monetary pleasures. Paul commands Timothy to pursue things that really matter in life. Let's dive in and study Paul's instructions for his young protégé, Timothy.

➤ **Read 1 Timothy 6:1–2**

In these two verses, the relationship of slave and master are describing a submissive slave who is under the authority of his master. It is not necessarily describing an abusive relationship.

1. In verse 1, how are slaves to treat their unbelieving masters? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. In verse 2, how are slaves to treat their believing masters?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Why does Paul need to address a believer working for another believer?

**Application:** What challenges do believers face when working for unbelievers? What challenges do believers face when working for believers? In what ways can you honor Christ better in the workplace?

➤ **Read 1 Timothy 6:3–10**

4. In verses 3, what three ways does Paul identify false teachers?

1. They advocate: \_\_\_\_\_

2. They do not agree with: \_\_\_\_\_

3. They do not agree with: \_\_\_\_\_

5. In verse 4, how does Paul describe the actions of false teachers?

6. In verse 5, how does Paul describe the false teachers?

1. They are men of: \_\_\_\_\_

2. They are deprived of: \_\_\_\_\_

3. They suppose that: \_\_\_\_\_

7. In verse 6, what must accompany godliness?

8. In verses 7–8, what does Paul say are the basic necessities of life?

9. What attitude must accompany these basic necessities?

**Application:** How would you feel about having only “food and covering”? In what ways do you need to grow in contentment?

10. In verse 9, what is the result of those who fall into the trap of greed?

11. In verse 10, what is “the root of all sorts of evil”? What is the result of those who have fallen into this?

**Application:** How can you guard your heart from the love of money?

**Application:** Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–7. What does this passage say should be our attitude toward money? How is your attitude in this area?

➤ **Read 1 Timothy 6:11–16**

12. In verse 11, what is Timothy commanded to “flee” from? What six qualities is Timothy commanded to “pursue”?

13. In verse 12, what is Timothy commanded to do?

**Application:** In what ways can you “fight the good fight” in your life?

14. In verse 13–14, what charge does Paul give Timothy? How long is Timothy to do this?

15. In verses 15–16, Paul launches into a doxology extolling the greatness of God. What seven statements does Paul make about God?

**Application:** If you were to write your own doxology, what attributes of God would you extol?

➤ **Read 1 Timothy 6:17–21**

16. According to verse 17, why does God supply us with all things?

17. In verses 17, what is Timothy supposed to instruct the rich NOT to do?

18. In verses 18, what is Timothy supposed to instruct the rich TO do?

**Application:** Read Matthew 6:19–21. What are ways you can store up your treasure in heaven?

19. In verses 20, what is Paul’s final charge to Timothy?

20. In verse 21, what is the result of these false teachers who claim to have “knowledge”?

**Application:** How can you guard the truth and avoid worldly “knowledge” in your own life?

**Application:** What one verse impacted you the most in this lesson? Why?