

sermon notes

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Sept 17, 2023 | “For the Sake of the Gospel” | **1 Timothy 6:1-10**

For the sake of the gospel...

1. Resist _____ (6:1-2a)

2. Reject _____ (6:2b-5)

3. Learn _____ (6:6-8)

4. Guard against _____ (6:9-10)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 1 Timothy 6:1-2. Discuss the difference between the first century world and our own in regard to slaves and masters? What twenty first century principles can we derive from this passage? What impact does a godly witness have in the workplace upon bosses and fellow employees (see also Col 3:23-24)? Are you respectful and hardworking for your employers? Are you a blessing to them or a burden? If you are a boss, are you respectful and fair in your treatment of those who work under you (i.e. are you a good witness for Christ)?

Read 1 Timothy 6:3-5. Why does bad doctrine have such a negative effect on the health of the church? How does bad doctrine lead to other negative elements in the church (e.g. conceit, ignorance, divisiveness, deceit, etc.)?

GET PERSONAL

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. Also read Hebrews 13:5-6 and Philippians 4:10-13. Can you say like Paul, “I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation?” Why or why not? What are some temptations that those who desire to be rich fall into? How do Jesus’s words in Matthew 6:19-24 help protect us against money-lust and materialism?

Discuss how each of the negative elements in 1 Timothy 5:3-5 (controversy, quarreling, envy, slander, etc.) can impair church health. How could these impair your own spiritual health? Are you able to discuss controversial and debatable topics with a humble spirit? Are you teachable when knowledgeable people give instruction? What are some signs of a person with a teachable heart? What are some signs of an unteachable heart?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Money (like sex and alcohol) is morally neutral. It can be used for evil, and it can be used for good. What are some ways that you can use the material resources God has given you for good? What are some ways that you can guard against using it for evil?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:10 that money-lust has caused some to wander away from the faith. Does this mean that some have lost their salvation? Does it mean that some have proved themselves unbelievers? Or does this mean, more generally, that some have walked away from the church (i.e. the place where the faith is practiced)? Consult a study Bible or a commentary (WBC [Mounce], NAC [Lea and Griffin], PNTC [Yarbrough], MNTC (MacArthur), etc.) to help you address this issue. See the following website for commentary selection and analysis: <https://bestcommentaries.com/pastoral-epistles/>