

1 Timothy 6:1-10

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I. Labor to honor God's Name (1-2b)

- A. Live out the faith when working for an unbeliever (v. 1).
- B. Live out the faith when working for a believer (v. 2a-b).

II. Reject teaching that does not agree with God's Word (2c-5)

- A. Reject teaching that doesn't agree with God's word (2c-3)
- B. Reject teaching that doesn't agree with God's character (4-5)

III. Build your life on what endures: godly contentment (6-10)

- A. The blessed life is built on the sufficiency of Christ (6-8)
- B. The cursed life is built on what will kill you (9-10)

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Were you surprised that Paul spent more time talking to slaves than masters, or that he didn't call for the abolishment of slavery especially when he condemned it in 1 Tim. 1:10? Based on what Paul taught here and in chap. 5, what do we learn about the relationship between our circumstances and our mission? What does this passage reveal about God's lordship/mastery over His people's lives (1 Cor. 7:22; Eph. 6:6), and the gospel's power to change us (Phil. 2:7; Rom. 6:19)?
2. Because God is truth, His word reflects His character. Contrast God's absolute truth with our culture's perspective on truth. Pluralism says two or more things can be true at the same time, even when they contradict one another, now that thinking is giving way to Soren Kierkegaard's philosophy of false teaching that truth is subjective (based on our feelings). What does v. 3 teach us about the substance of true truth?
3. How do vv. 4-5 expand on what Paul wrote in 5:24? Discuss the relationship and progression of false doctrine to bad character and evil outcomes.
4. In contrast to the evil produced by false teaching, vv. 6-8 portray the beauty and blessedness of godliness with contentment. How does this instruct you? What does it reveal about Christ's sufficiency above any and all material gain?
5. In v. 9-10, we are told that those who "desire/want" riches will be ruined, why does it ruin us? What is the difference between those who "want" riches and those who "get" rich? The greed of these false teacher's actually becomes the tree they impale themselves on. How should we respond?