I Timothy Chapter Six

- v. 1,2 This is an admonition for slaves (bond servants) to honor their masters and their authority, especially if their master is a fellow brother in the Lord. There might have been the thought that when servant and master accepted Christ, that put them on equal ground and the servant no longer had to obey. That was a different time and system, not like that of American Slavery. Contemporarily, we use this scripture for the relationship between employees and employers. Do your Christian employers your very best service because they are God's beloved. Teach the people to do this.
- v. 3-5 This is another warning about false teachers (the first came in I Timothy 1:3-11). v. those that teach anything other than the doctrine that we teach is opposed to correct, godly doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are proud in their own misinformation, they don't really know anything, just a lot of words and rhetoric. They cause arguments and strife, but they really are wicked and have completely missed the truth. THEY THINK RELIGION IS SUPPOSED TO GAIN MONEY FOR YOU. Wrong motives! Remove yourselves from their regular company. They think "gain is godliness."
- v. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. You become rich because you are content with what you have. 7) We brought nothing into the world, and we carry nothing out 8) So, first and foremost, if we have food and clothes, we should be content (probably shelter should be on that list).
- v.9-10 People who love money, are greedy for money, can fall into all kinds of traps that will cause them to do some foolish, dangerous, sometimes illegal and immoral things. It can destroy them. 10) THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL.
- v. 11 But man of God (Timothy) Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
- v. 12-14 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life; hold on to your good confession just as Christ did when he stood before Pontius Pilate. Keep all that I've commanded you until Jesus comes back.
- v.15,16 At that time all will see that He is the glorious God, the only Sovereign, King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus will return. Only God lives forever; He lives in light that no one can come near. No one has ever seen Him. God will be honored and His power will last forever.
- v.17) Rich people be warned: Don't be highminded and trust in your riches that are here today and gone tomorrow. But trust in the living God who richly gives us all things to ENJOY.
- v.18) That they be rich in good works, giving generously, share. 19) Laying up treasures in glory
- v.20,21) O Timothy, keep all that has been committed to your trust; avoid stupid arguments and vain talk and contradictions of knowledge. These folk have erred from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen