

# 1 Timothy 6

## Intro:

- What is Paul's reason for writing to Timothy?
  - *Paul wants to instruct Timothy on how the "household" of God should be conducted (1 Timothy 3:14-15).*

## Read 1 Timothy 6:1-2a (the first paragraph in NIV)

- What is the Bible's view on slavery?

*Paul says that believing slaves shouldn't disrespect believing masters just because they are fellow believers. This suggests that Paul understood why a believing slave would be upset at a believing master: because slavery is not right. However, Paul urged them to lovingly fellowship with each other, rather than causing a rebellion of slaves that would tarnish Christ's name.*

## Read 1 Timothy 6:2b-10

- Based on these verses, what is the fruit of godless conversation? (*Answer: envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions, constant friction... basically division and disunity!*)
- Why is it important for Christians to refrain from division and disunity?
- Paul says that godliness with contentment is great gain. What does this mean?
- What does it look like to be discontent? Where might you be discontent?
- What did the discontentment of the Ephesians bring them? What might your discontentments bring you?
- What does it look like to have wealth but not pursue it as an idol in your heart?

## Read 1 Timothy 6:11-21

- How do we store up treasures for the coming age?
- Which part of Paul's final commissioning challenges you? Which part encourages you?
- How would you summarize Paul's final commissioning to Timothy in these verses?

*Paul's final commissioning to Timothy can be described as "Flee from evil. Expose evil. Guard truth. Be integrous. Bring righteousness and goodness."*

## Application:

- Write your own commissioning to this world, as if you weren't going to be here tomorrow. And turn that commissioning into a prayer to pray for your friends, family, campus, city, and nation.