

1 Timothy 6 Summarized

Sentences

6:1, let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and *His* doctrine may not be blasphemed.

6:2a, and those who have believing masters, let them not despise *them* because they are brethren, but rather serve *them* because those who are benefited are believers and beloved.

6:2b-5, teach and exhort these things. If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of gain*. From such withdraw yourself.

6:6-8, now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

6:9, but those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

6:10, for the love of money is a root of all *kinds of evil*, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

6:11, but you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

6:12, fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

6:13-16, I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and *before* Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, *He who is* the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

6:17, command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

6:18-19, *Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

6:20-21, O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane *and* idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

Paragraphs

6:1-2a, [Paul gives final instructions concerning slaves, false teachers, wealth and the wealthy, and Timothy's God-given ministry] slaves must consider [their unbelieving] masters worthy of all respect so that God's name and His teaching won't be slandered. Slaves with believing masters must not despise them because they're Christian brethren. Instead, they should serve them because those benefitting are beloved believers.

6:2b-10, Timothy must teach and exhort these things. If anyone teaches otherwise and refuses to submit to Christ's sound, godly teaching, he's an arrogant, clueless contrarian who loves useless arguments which only lead to envy, strife, slander, and suspicion. These are men of corrupt minds, destitute of the truth, who think godliness is a means of gain. From such, Timothy must withdraw. Now godliness is great gain if you're content with the essentials, i.e., if you know the limits of material wealth. But those who desire riches fall into many foolish and harmful lusts which bring certain destruction. For the love of money is a root of many evils, some have even departed from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

6:11-16, but Timothy, man of God that he is, must flee such things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. He must fight the good fight of faith, take hold of the eternal life to which he professed in word and deed before many witnesses. Thus, Paul urges him before God and Christ Jesus, who professed a good confession before Pontius Pilate, to keep this commandment without stumbling until Jesus' return, which God will reveal in His own time, God, the only King of kings, who alone is immortal, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power.

6:17-19, Timothy must command the rich not to be arrogant nor trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who controls all riches. The rich must take hold of eternal life and share their wealth so that they will be rich in good works and build a foundation for the life to come.

6:20-21, Timothy must guard what God entrusted to him. He must avoid the profane and idle contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge. Some who gave themselves over to it strayed from the faith. Paul wishes Timothy God's grace. Amen.

Whole Chapter

[Paul gives final instructions] slaves must show their unbelieving masters all respect so that they won't give God and His teaching a bad name. Slaves with Christian masters must not despise them; instead, they should serve them because those benefitting are beloved brothers. Timothy must teach and exhort these things. Those who refuse to submit to Jesus' godly teaching are arrogant and clueless contrarians with corrupt minds, destitute of the truth, who see godliness as a way to get rich. Now godliness coupled with contentment makes you rich, i.e., if you understand the limits of wealth, you'll be content with the essentials of life. But those who chase riches fall into harmful lusts that bring certain destruction. For the love of money is a root of many evils, some have even turned their backs on God and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. Timothy must flee such things and pursue godliness. He must fight the good fight of faith; he must take hold of eternal life as he's done. Like Jesus before him, he must keep his commandment without stumbling until Jesus' return, which God to whom belong all honor and power, will reveal in his own time. Timothy must also command the rich not to trust their wealth but the One who controls all wealth. They must take hold of eternal life and share their wealth so that they'll be rich in good works and build a foundation for the life to come. Finally, Timothy must guard what God entrusted to him. He must avoid what is falsely called knowledge because it can rob you of your faith. God's grace be with Timothy. Amen.