

1 Tim 6 Fight the Good Fight

Paul writes to Timothy (1Tm 4:12)

- Between Paul's 1st & 2nd Imprisonments AD 67.
- Directions to the church (1Tm 3:15).



Chap 1 Defend Sound Doctrine
Chap 2 Correct Public worship
Chap 3 The Elders & Deacons
Chap 4 The Coming Apostasy
Chap 5 Different age groups

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Attitude toward Masters (v1-2)

v.1 “Let all who are under
the yoke as slaves...”



Slavery was not an American nor European original idea.

Midianites (Gen 37:36) and Phoenicians (Ezk 27:3,13) had slaves. Plus Hebrews (Ex 21:2-6), Egypt, Mesopotamia, China, India, Aztec, Inca, Maya, Greeks, Romans, Portuguese, Arabs had slaves. Africans conquered & sold weaker tribes into slavery to Spain, England, Holland, France, and European colonists.

2 North American Indians enslaved other Indians.

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Attitude toward Masters (v1-2)

v.1 Regard masters as worthy of all honor--

Jesus changed *lives & attitudes*.

He didn't abolish slavery, but modified it.



1 Pet 2:18 Be submissive to masters with all respect

Eph 6:5 Slaves be obedient to your masters,
v6 not with eye-service, but as slaves of Christ,
v.7 render service as to the Lord.

*Some feel trapped in marriage, in jobs,
or with parents too.*

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v.1 Regard masters with honor so that—
the **name of God** and our **doctrine**
may not be spoken against.

Our **LIVES** reflect on God & His Word.
Ps 69:6 Not be dishonored thru me..

v.2 And let those who have Believers as
their masters not be disrespectful to
them because they are brethren, but
let them serve them all the more.



Not bitter, resentful but even **more dedicated**.

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Qualities of False Teachers (v.3-5)

v.3 Advocates a different doctrine (hetero- didaska-lei) Any doctrine contrary to apostle's teaching is forbidden.. (Gal 1:6-9)



And **does not agree** with Sound [healthy] words those of our Lord.. conforming to godliness



Christian Science – Sin, sickness, death are **myths**
Buddhism – **No such thing as sin.** Just unwise action.
Joel Osteen – “I don’t preach about **sin, hell or dam-**
nation or anything hard to hear. There’s enough
pushing people down already.” (2 Tim 4:3)

A close-up of a wolf's face, looking directly at the viewer with intense, yellowish-orange eyes. The wolf's fur is grey and white. In the background, there is a scenic landscape with green hills, a body of water, and a blue sky with some clouds.

Qualities of *False* Teachers (v.3-5)

v4 He is *Conceited* - Inflated ego; self-deceived.

v4 *Understands nothing* – about true doctrine of God

v4 *Morbid interest* – diseased interest in controversy

v4-5 creates envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constant friction.

v.5 *Corrupt mind* - Decayed, ruined mind, thinking

v5 *Robbed of Truth* – Had, then defrauded of truth.

#6 *Supposed godliness achieves gain*- money racket.

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The Qualities of Contentment 6:6-10

v.6 Godliness—

“A desire to please God” (2 Pet 3:11)

v.6 Accompanied by contentment

(Arkeo) ie. sufficiency is Great gain.



Scriptures on Contentment—

(Prov 16:8) Better is a little with righteousness than ...

(Prov 30:8) Give me neither poverty nor riches.. Feed..

(Ecc 2:24) Nothing better for a man than to eat & tell

7 (Heb 13:5) Be content with such things as you have..

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(1Tm 6:6-10)

The Qualities of Contentment

v.8 Having food and covering
we shall be content
“To be sufficient.”

Two Writers on *Contentment*:

“He *is richest who is content
with the least.*” (Socrates 350 BC)

“He *who wants little always have enough*”
(G. Zimmerman)



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(1Tim 6:6-10)

The Qualities of Contentment

v.9 Who want to get rich - Resolving to get \$55 million ?

Some Rich Men Were Great Examples

(Mt 27:57) **Rich** man from Ariamathaea.. disciple

(Lk 19:2-8) Zachaeus.. **Rich**, give half to poor..
if cheated any, give back 4x as much”

Some Rich Men Were Poor Examples

(Lk 18:22-23) Rich young ruler Went away **sad**

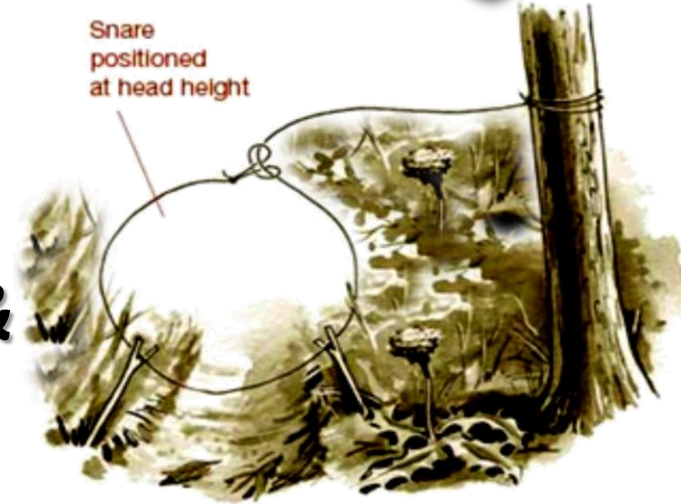
(Ecc 6:2) Sacrifice family, soul, health & still
die broke!

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(1Tm 6:6-10)

The Qualities of Contentment

v.9 *Fall into temptation, **SNARE**, & harmful desires, which plunge men into ruin and destruction.*



v.10 The love of money-- [philo-arugos]
"fond of silver"

v.10 Some by **longing for** in have pierced themselves. Achan— Executed (Josh 7:24-25)
Gehazi—Became Leper (2 Ki 5:25, 27)

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**(1Tm 6:11-21) The
Christian's Battle**

***1 Tim 4:11 But flee
from these things,
you man of God***

Don't "**FANTISIZE**" about it. David saw her (2 Sam 11:2)

Don't "**VERBALIZE**" it gives it life. David Inquired (2 Sam 11:3)

Don't make "**PROVISION**" for it. David Sent for (2 Sam 11:4)

Do "**CONFESS**" the sin. David "I have sinned" (2 Sam 12:13)

And "**PLAN**" to overcome it. (Job 31:1) Covenant w/ my eyes

