

1 Timothy: Lessons for the Church – the Pillar of the Truth

Chapter 6: How the Pastor Cares for His People (Part 2)

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Paul gives Timothy three areas for the church to watch carefully:

1. In relation to masters and other authorities (vv. 1-2a)
 - a. Error: Freedom in Christ releases the Christian from obligations to all earthly authorities.
 - b. Result: Slaves (i.e., servants) show less respect to believing masters, making Christianity unattractive.
 - c. Truth: Freedom in Christ does not release the Christian from obligations to those in rightful authority. (Romans 13:1-7)
 - d. Correction: Serve believing masters with excellence to benefit believers and to make Christ attractive.
2. In relation to false teachers (vv. 2b-5)
 - a. What we believe (doctrine) determines what we do (life)
 - i. “Watch your life and doctrine closely.” 1 Timothy 4:16 (NIV)
 - ii. False teaching leads to bad doctrine, which ultimately harms Christians and the Christian’s witness
 - b. Recognize false teachers by their fruit (Matthew 7:15-20)
 - i. They are arrogant and lack understanding
 - ii. They are argumentative and troublemakers
 - iii. Their minds are corrupt and reject the truth
 - iv. They use godliness to get rich
3. In relation to money (vv. 6-10, 17-19)
 - a. Godliness + Contentment (Philippians 4:12-13) = Great Wealth
 - b. God’s greatest rival is money (Matthew 6:24)
 - c. Strong warnings against getting rich
 - i. “Money is the root of all evil” is a misquote of v. 10: “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” (NLT)
 - d. Be rich in good works and be generous to those in need