

## PowerPoint Slides for August 25-2019

### Overview:

“Timothy, be an example of a follower of Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 4:12). Here’s what that looks like with

- older men (5:1),
- younger men (5:1),
- older women (5:2),
- younger women (5:2),
- widows (5:3-16),
- elders (5:17-25),
- slaves (6:1-2),
- and the rich (6:17-19)”

*<sup>1</sup>Those who are under the yoke as slaves must regard their own masters as deserving of full respect. This will prevent the name of God and Christian teaching from being discredited.*

Christian slaves should respect their masters:

1. lest they bring discredit on God
2. lest they bring discredit on God’s truth

*<sup>2</sup>But those who have believing masters must not show them less respect because they are brothers. Instead they are to serve all the more, because those who benefit from their service are believers and dearly loved.*

Euergesia: service done by a superior for an inferior. For believer’s, the social order is turned upside down.

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Christian slaves should serve Christian masters even more:

1. because they are believers
2. because they are dearly loved

### Paul’s teaching on slavery

1. Nowhere does Paul say slavery is good or acceptable
2. Slavery would be prohibited by Paul’s admonition against kidnapping (1 Timothy 1:10)

### Paul’s teaching on slavery

3. Slaves are to be submissive and obedient to their masters, not fighting them but doing their best even if their masters are evil and overbearing.
4. Masters must treat their slaves well remembering that God will judge all people impartially. Masters must view a slave’s labor not as a duty, but an act of kindness.

### **Paul's teaching on slavery**

5. Motivation
  - a. Slaves should work especially hard for Christian masters.
  - b. The slave's obedience should flow from a desire to for the gospel to be unimpeded and God to be honored.
  - c. Slaves should work hard because ultimately, they are serving not their human masters but the Lord.

### **Paul's teaching on slavery**

5. Motivation
  - d. Both slave and master will be judged by what they do
  - e. Slaves and masters treat each other rightly because in Christ believers first relate to each other as equals, brothers and sisters. Social relationships are secondary.
  - f. Masters are never told to demand submission from slaves. Slaves are encouraged to submit voluntarily.

### **Paul's teaching on slavery**

Slaves should respect their masters and should serve Christian masters exceptionally well

### **The instruction of the false teachers is wrong and produces bad results**

What they teach is false, unhealthy and ungodly...

*(2b) Teach them and exhort them about these things. <sup>3</sup>If someone spreads false teachings and does not agree with sound [healthy] words (that is, those of our Lord Jesus Christ) and with the teaching that accords with godliness,*

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Two tests to discern false from true

1. Is it about Jesus Christ?
2. Does it lead to greater godliness?

### **The instruction of the false teachers is wrong and produces bad results**

What they teach is false, unhealthy and ungodly...and it results in fights and divisions

*<sup>4</sup>he is conceited and understands nothing, but has an unhealthy interest in controversies and verbal disputes. This gives rise to envy, dissension, slanders, evil suspicions, <sup>5</sup>and constant bickering by people corrupted in their minds and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a way of making a profit.*

Downward progression into ungodliness

1. They reject the truth about Jesus
2. Their pride prevents them from understanding the truth
3. They develop a destructive interest in speculations and debates
4. They have passed the point of recognizing or admitting wrong

Downward progression into ungodliness

5. An anti-social bitterness envelops them

- a. Envy
- b. Dissension
- c. Slander
- d. Evil suspicions
- e. Constant bickering

6. They've lost the truth; consequently their thinking is corrupted

7. All of this started with pride and continues because of greed. They want to get rich by commercializing religion

**Recognizing false teaching:**

- 1. Is this teaching about Jesus Christ?
- 2. Does this teaching lead to greater godliness?
- 3. Does it lead to greater love and unity, or tend to divide people?
- 4. Does it lead to contentment or covetousness?