

# FIRST TIMOTHY

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1. **Opening Address.** Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the “command” of the Savior God and the Lord Jesus Christ, the basis of the believers’ hop sends a greeting of grace mercy and peace to Timothy his true son in the faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1:1-2)
2. **Timothy and the False Teachers Who Want to Be Teachers of the Law.** The content of Paul’s exhortation is that Timothy should fight the good fight by rejecting the false teachers of the law with their unfaithful message and should cling to the faithful message proclaimed by faithful men such as the Apostle Paul. (1:3-20)
  - 1A. **Unfaithful Messengers.** The content of Paul’s exhortation is that Timothy should silence false teachers in Ephesus who desire to become teachers of the law which they are using improperly. (1:3-7)
    - 1B. The purpose for Timothy staying on in Ephesus was to command that some teachers stop teaching non Apostolic doctrine because they encourage speculations rather than the divine order of God which is revealed in faith. (1:3-4)
    - 1C. The content of Paul’s exhortation to Timothy is to stay on in Ephesus. (1:3a)
    - 2C. The reason why Paul wants Timothy to stay on at Ephesus is because that is what Paul urged him to do when he was about to go into Macedonia. (1:3b)
    - 3C. The purpose for Timothy staying on in Ephesus was to command in reference to some that they should not teach other doctrines that were not apostolic. (1:4a)
    - 4C. The purpose for Timothy staying on in Ephesus was to command some that they should not give attention to myths and genealogies. (1:4b)

- 5C. The reason why some should not teach other doctrines and pay attention to myths and genealogies is because they encourage speculations rather than the divine order of God which is revealed in faith. (1:4c)
- 2B. The reason why they have turned aside to mindless speculations is because they want to be teachers of the Law although they are not understanding what things they are saying or asserting. (1:5-7)
- 1C. The content of Paul's charge to Timothy is designed to produce love sourced in a pure heart, a clear, conscience, and a genuine faith. (1:5)
- 2C. The reason why Paul issued the charge to Timothy is because some in Ephesus have failed to hit the target of a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a genuine faith. (1:6a)
- 3C. The result of some teachers in Ephesus having failed to hit the mark is that they have turned aside to mindless speculations. (1:6b)
- 4C. The reason why they have turned aside to mindless speculations is because they want to be teachers of the Law although they are not understanding what things they are saying or asserting. (1:7)
- 2A. An Unfaithful Message.** [In contrast to the improper use of the law that is advocated by the false teachers...]The real purposes of the Law is to determine what sin is and to help to determine what is sound doctrine. (1:8-11)
- 1B. Paul and Timothy both know that the Law is good provided that one uses the Law in a legitimate manner. (1:8)
- 2B. [In addition...] Paul and Timothy know that the Law is not instituted for the benefit of a righteous person. (1:9a)

3B. [In contrast...] Paul and Timothy know that the Law was instituted to determine what sin is. (1:9b)

4B. [In addition] The Law was instituted to determine anything that was opposed to sound doctrine in accordance with the Gospel of Glory with which Paul had been entrusted. (1:10-11)

**3A. Paul the Faithful Messenger.** The reason why Paul had been entrusted with the ministry of the Gospel of Glory is because Christ considered him to be faithful. (1:12-14)

1B. The reason why Paul had been entrusted with the ministry of the Gospel of Glory is because Christ considered him to be faithful. (1:12-13a)

1C. [As a result of being entrusted with the Gospel of Glory...] Paul has a ministry from Christ Jesus the Lord who enables him. (1:12a)

2C. The reason why Paul has a ministry is because Christ Jesus the Lord considered him to be faithful. (1:12b)

3C. The result of Christ Jesus the Lord considering Paul to be faithful is that Christ appointed him to the ministry in spite of the fact that Paul was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an arrogant person. (1:12c-13a)

2B. [As a result of Paul being shown mercy...] Grace, faith, and love which are sourced in Christ Jesus increased to overflowing in the life of the Apostle. (1:13b-14)

1C. [In spite of Paul's former way of life...] God showed mercy to Paul. (1:13b)

2C. The reason why God showed mercy to Paul is because he acted in unbelief because he was ignorant. (1:13c)

3C. [As a result of Paul being shown mercy...] Grace, faith, and love which are sourced in Christ Jesus increased to overflowing in the life of the Apostle. (1:14)

**4A. A Faithful Message.** The message that Christ Jesus came into the world for the purpose of saving sinners of whom Paul was foremost is both faithful and trustworthy. (1:15-17)

1B. The message that Christ Jesus came into the world for the purpose of saving sinners of whom Paul was foremost is both faithful and trustworthy. (1:15)

2B. The purpose for which Paul the foremost of sinners was shown mercy was so that Jesus Christ could demonstrate in Paul the foremost of sinners the sum total of God's longsuffering with sinners. (1:16a)

3B. The purpose of Christ demonstrating in Paul the sum total of God's longsuffering with sinners was for an example to who are destined to believe in Christ resulting in eternal life. (1:16b)

4B. The content of Paul's doxology is a desire that glory and honor be attributed to the incorruptible invisible King of the ages, the only wise God forever and ever. (1:17)

**5A. The Fight for The Message.** The content of Paul's command to Timothy in accordance with the prophetic utterances that were made about him is that Timothy is to fight the good fight. (1:18)

**6A. Casualties in the Fight.** (1:19-20)

1B. The manner in which Timothy is to fight the good fight is by having a genuine faith and a clear conscience. (1:19a)

2B. The reason why Timothy must fight the good fight is because some believers including Hymenaeus and Alexander have become shipwrecked concerning a genuine faith and a clear conscience. (1:19b)

3B. The reason that Paul can claim that they have become shipwrecked is because they have turned back in respect to the faith. (1:20a)

4B. The result of Hymenaeus and Alexander being shipwrecked concerning the faith is that Paul has delivered them over to Satan. (1:20b)

5B. The purpose of Paul turning Hymenaeus and Alexander over to Satan is so that they might learn not to blaspheme. (1:20c)

**3. Fighting the Good Fight in the Household of God.** [In view of the need to fight the good fight to hold to a genuine faith and a clear conscience...] the manner in which they good fight should be fought is by prayer, sound doctrine, character development, Biblical submission, good works, and godly leadership. (2:1-3:13)

**1A. Fighting the Good Fight with Prayer.** (2:1-10)

1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that prayers should be made for all men especially civil rulers. (2:1-2)

1C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that prayers should be made for all men especially civil rulers. (2:1-2a)

2C. The purpose of prayers being made for all men is so that believers may lead an undisturbed and quiet life characterized by godliness and dignity. (2:2b)

2B. The reason why Paul wants prayers to be made for all men especially civil rulers is because this is good and pleasing in the sight of God, the Savior and because God wants all men to be saved and to come to a full knowledge of the truth. (2:3-6a)

1C. The reason why Paul wants prayers to be made for all men especially civil rulers is because this is good and pleasing in the sight of God, the Savior. (2:3)

2C. The reason why such prayer is good and pleasing in the sight of God, the Savior, is because God wants all men to be saved and to come to a full knowledge of the truth. (2:4)

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**2A. Fighting the Good Fight with True Doctrine. (2:5-6)**

- 1B. The reason why God wants all men to come to a full knowledge of the truth is because there is only one God and only one mediator between that God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus. (2:5)
- 2B. The reason that Paul can claim that there is only one Mediator between God and mankind is because only Christ Jesus gave Himself to be a ransom payment for the sake of all. (2:6a)
- 3B. The result of the testimony being revealed at the proper time is that Paul was appointed by God to be an apostle, herald, and teacher of the Gentiles in the true faith. (2:6b-8a)
  - 1C. The testimony about Christ death as a ransom was revealed at the proper time. (2:6b)
  - 2C. The result of the testimony being revealed at the proper time is that Paul was appointed by God to be an apostle, herald, and teacher of the Gentiles in the true faith. (2:7)
  - 3C. [As a result of Paul's commission..] The content of Paul's exhortation is that he wants men to pray in every place without wrath and arguments. (2:8a)

**3A. Fighting the Good Fight with Character Qualities and Good Works. (2:8b-10)**

- 1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that he also want women to adorn themselves in proper dress in good taste as well as developing the character qualities of modesty and sobriety. (2:8b)
- 2B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that he does not want women to adorn themselves with elaborate hairstyles or gold, pearls, or expensive clothes. (2:9a)
- 3B. The content Of Paul's exhortation is that he does want women to adorn themselves with good works. (2:9b)

4B. The reason why Paul wants the women to adorn themselves with good works is because that is proper for women who profess godliness. (2:10)

**4A. Fighting the Good Fight By Silent Submission.**

The content of Paul's instruction is that a woman should learn doctrine in submissive silence and not teach doctrine or to exercise authority over a man. (2:11-15)

1B. The content of Paul's instruction is that a woman should learn doctrine in submissive silence. (2:11)

2B. [In addition...] Paul does not permit a woman to teach doctrine or to exercise authority over a man but he requires them to be silent during the teaching of the word. (2:12)

3B. The reason why Paul does not permit a woman to teach doctrine or to exercise authority over a man is because of male priority in creation. (2:13)

4B. The reason why Paul does not permit a woman to teach doctrine or to exercise authority over a man is because the man was not deceived but the woman was deceived and then fell into transgression. (2:14)

5B. [In contrast to her fall...] The woman shall be saved because of the childbearing = the birth of Christ... provided that they continue in faith, love, holiness along with sobriety. (2:15)

**5A. Fighting the Good Fight With Leadership Above Reproach.**  
(3:1-13)

1B. The Office of Overseer. (3:1-7)

1C. The message of faith is that aspiring to service as an overseer is a good work. (3:1)

2C. [As a result of service as an overseer being a good work..] it is a divine necessity that an overseer be unimpeachable. (3:2a-5)

1D. [As a result of service as an overseer being a good work..] it is a divine

necessity that an overseer be unimpeachable. (3:2a)

2D. The positive manner in which an overseer can be shown to be unimpeachable is by being the husband of one wife, temperate, disciplined, hospitable, with a gift of teaching. (3:2b)

3D. The negative manner in which an overseer can be shown to be unimpeachable is by not being fond of wine, not being fond of fighting or arguing, and not being fond of money. (3:3a)

4D. The positive manner in which he can be shown to be unimpeachable is by being gentle, not quarrelsome, not loving money. (3:3b)

5D. The positive manner in which an overseer can be shown to be unimpeachable is by being one who supervises his household well. (3:4a)

6D. The positive manner in which he can be shown to be unimpeachable is by having submissive children along with dignity. (3:4b)

7D. The reason why he must be unimpeachable in the supervision of his household is because if he cannot supervise his household then it will be logically impossible for him to supervise the church of God. (3:5)

3C. [In addition...] it is also a divine necessity that an overseer not be a new believer. (3:6)

1D. [In addition...] it is also a divine necessity that an overseer not be a new believer. (3:6a)

- 2D. The purpose for not appointing a new believer as an overseer is so that he does not fall into the same condemnation as the devil. (3:6b)
- 4C. [In addition...] it is also a divine necessity that and overseer have a good testimony from those outside the church. (3:7)
  - 1D. It is also a divine necessity that and overseer have a good testimony from those outside the church. (3:7a)
  - 2D. The purpose for having a good testimony from those outside the church is so that he might not fall into disgrace which is a snare laid by the devil. (3:7b)
- 2B. The Office of Deacon. (3:8-12)
  - 1C. It is a divine necessity that deacons also be men of good character. (3:8a)
  - 2C. The manner in which deacons are to demonstrate their good character is by controlling their tongue, their wine, their money, and their faith. (3:8b—9)
    - 1D. The manner in which deacons are to demonstrate their good character is by not being double-tongued. (3:8b)
    - 2D. The manner in which deacons are to demonstrate their good character is by not being addicted to much wine. (3:8c)
    - 3D. The manner in which deacons are to demonstrate their good character is by not being greedy for dishonest gain.(3:8d)
    - 4D. The manner in which deacons are to demonstrate their good character is by holding to the faith with a clear conscience. (3:9)

3C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that deacons should be first tested before serving. (3:10)

1D. The content of Paul's exhortation is that deacons should be first tested before serving. (3:10a)

2D. The result of a prospective deacon passing the test of being without reproach is that they should be allowed to serve. (3:10b)

4C. The Office of Deaconess. (3:11)

1D. It is also necessary that a deaconess be above reproach. (3:11a)

2D. The manner in which a deaconess can demonstrate that she is above reproach is by not being a slanderer. (3:11b)

3D. The manner in which a deaconess can demonstrate that she is above reproach is by being sober. (3:11c)

4D. The manner in which a deaconess can demonstrate that she is above reproach is by being trustworthy in all things. (3:11d)

5C. [In addition...] Deacons must be the husband of one wife and must also supervise their household and children well. (3:12-13)

1D. [In addition...] Deacons must be the husband of one wife. (3:12a)

2D. [In addition...] Deacons must also supervise their household and children well. (3:12b)

3B. The result of the overseers and deacons serving well is that they acquire a high standing in the future

kingdom and great confidence that they will be rewarded for their faithfulness to Christ Jesus. (3:13)

#### **4. Guarding The Conduct in the Household of God. (3:14-5:2)**

**1A. Importance of Timothy's Conduct.** The purpose of Paul writing these instructions is so that if he is delayed Timothy will know how to conduct matters in the household of God. (3:14-16)

1B. The purpose of Paul writing these instructions is so that is he is delayed Timothy will know how to conduct himself in the household of God. (3:14-15a)

1C. Paul is writing these instructions although he is hoping to come in a short while. (3:14)

2C. The purpose of Paul writing these instructions is so that if he is delayed Timothy will know how to conduct matters in the household of God. (3:15a)

2B. The reasons why Timothy must know how to conduct matters in the household of God is because it is the assembly of the Living God, the foundation of true doctrine which are the message of the First Coming of Christ. (3:15b-16)

1C. The reason why Timothy must know how to conduct matters in the household of God is because it is the assembly of the Living God. (3:15b)

2C. The reason why Timothy must know how to conduct matters in the household of God is because the household of God is the pillar and support of the truth. (3:15c)

3B. As a result of the household of God being the pillar and support of truth the mystery of godliness is very great. (3:16a)

4B. The content of the mystery of godliness is the life, death, burial, resurrection and enthronement in heaven of Jesus Christ at His First Coming. (3:16b)

**2A. Reject the Heresy about Food and Marriage.** The reason why Timothy must know how to conduct matters in the household of God is because the Holy Spirit says specifically that in the latter days some will fall away from the faith and embrace heretical doctrines. (4:1-5)

1B. The Holy Spirit says specifically that in the latter days some will fall away from the faith. (4:1a)

2B. The manner in which some will fall away from the faith is by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings inspired by demons. (4:1b)

3B. The reason why some will fall away from the faith is because they have had their consciences damaged by being hypocritical liars. (4:2)

4B. The result of some falling away is that they will forbid marriage and order believers to abstain from foods that God created for mature believers to partake of with thanksgiving. (4:3)

5B. The reason why food does not defile is because every creature created by God is good and nothing to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving. (4:4)

6B. The reason why foods are not to be rejected is because they have been set apart for a holy purpose because of the word of God and the prayer of thanksgiving. (4:5)

**3A. Nourished on Sound Doctrine.** [In contrast...] The logical result of Timothy continually instructing the Pauline teaching to the brethren is that he will be a good servant of Jesus Christ. (4:6)

1B. The logical result of Timothy continually instructing the Pauline teaching to the brethren is that he will be a good servant of Jesus Christ. (4:6a)

2B. The reason why Timothy will be a good servant of Jesus Christ is because he will be nourished on the oracles of the faith and the sound doctrine which he must continue to follow closely. (4:6b)

**4A. Reject the Heresy of Bodily Exercise.** The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should avoid godless myths and old wives tales and should exercise himself for the purpose of godliness. (4:7-11)

1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should avoid godless myths and old wives tales and should exercise himself for the purpose of godliness. (4:7-9)

1C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should avoid godless myths and old wives tales. (4:7a)

2C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should exercise himself for the purpose of godliness. (4:7b)

3C. The reason why Timothy should exercise himself for the purpose of godliness is because bodily exercise is profitable for only a little while but godliness is profitable for all things. (4:8a)

4C. The reason why godliness is profitable for all things is because it has a promise of life both in the present and in the coming kingdom. (4:8b)

5C. The utterance that godliness has the promise of life both in the present and coming kingdom is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. (4:9)

2B. As a result of the promise of life in the future kingdom Paul and Timothy labor and suffer reproach in the present because they have set their hope on the Living God. (4:10)

1C. As a result of the promise of life in the future kingdom Paul and Timothy labor and suffer reproach in the present. (4:10a)

2C. The reason why Paul and Timothy labor and suffer reproach in the present is because they have set their hope on the Living God. (4:10b)

3C. The reason why they have set their hope on the Living God is because He is the Savior of all men but especially believers. (4:10:c)

3B. [As a result of God being the Savior of believers...] The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should command and teach the preceding instructions about godliness. (4:11)

**5A. Importance of Timothy's Example.** The content of Paul's exhortation to Timothy is that he should not allow anyone to despise his youth but that Timothy should become and example to other believers in practicing the virtues of the Christian life. (4:12-5:2)

1B. The content of Paul's exhortation to Timothy is that he should not allow anyone to despise his youth but that Timothy should become and example to other believers in practicing the virtues of the Christian life. (4:12)

1C. The content of Paul's exhortation to Timothy is that he should not allow anyone to despise his youth. (4:12a)

2C. [In contrast...] The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should become and example to other believers in practicing the virtues of the Christian life. (4:12b)

2B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should give attention to the public reading of Scripture, exhorting believers to obedience, and teaching sound doctrine and should exercise his spiritual gift. (4:13-14)

- 1C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should give attention to the public reading of Scripture, exhorting believers to obedience, and teaching sound doctrine. (4:13)
- 2C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should exercise his spiritual gift which was given to him because of a prophetic utterance accompanied by the laying on of hands by the presbytery. (4:14)
- 3B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should cultivate his gift and the virtues of the Christian life. (4:15)
  - 1C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should cultivate his gift and the virtues of the Christian life. (4:15a)
  - 2C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should immerse himself in the virtues. (4:15b)
  - 3C. The purpose for which Timothy should immerse himself in the virtues is so that his spiritual progress can be made evident to all. (4:15c)
- 4B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should be attentive to his own spiritual progress and his teaching. (4:16)
  - 1C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should be attentive to his own spiritual progress and his teaching. (4:16a)
  - 2C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should remain steadfast in doctrine. (4:16b)
  - 3C. The reason why Timothy should be attentive to his own spiritual progress and to the teaching is because if he is doing this he will save himself and those who hear. (4:16c)

5B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should always show verbal respect when dealing with church officers and members. (5:1-2)

1C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should not verbally attack an elder. (5:1a)

2C. [In contrast...] The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy ought to exhort an elder as father. (5:1b)

3C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should exhort a young man as a brother. (5:1c)

4C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should exhort an older woman like a mother. (5:2a)

5C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should exhort a young woman as a sister in purity. (5:2b)

#### **5. Guarding the Conduct of Finances in the Household of God. (5:3-6:2)**

1A. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should direct the church to financially support real widows and not widows having children or grandchildren. (5:3-5)

1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should direct the church to financially support real widows. (5:3)

2B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should not direct the church to support widows that having children or grandchildren. (5:4a)

3B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that children and grandchildren should learn to do their duty in their own household and to pay back what is due to their parents and grandparents. (5:4b)

2A. [In contrast...] Real widows have set their hope on God and therefore should be supported by the church. (5:5-6)

- 1B. Real widows have set their hope on God and therefore should be supported by the church. (5:5a)
- 2B. The result of their setting their hope in God and being supported by the church is that they are able to remain constant in their prayers. (5:5b)
- 3B. [In contrast ...] the self-indulgent widow is dead. (5:6)
- 3A. The content of Paul's exhortation to Timothy is that he should keep insisting upon these things. (5:7-8)
  - 1B. The content of Paul's exhortation to Timothy is that he should keep insisting upon these things. (5:7a)
  - 2B. The result of these policies being followed in the church is that the widows will be without reproach. (5:7b)
  - 3B. The logical result of a believer not providing for his own relatives or household is that he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (5:8)
- 4A. The content of Paul's exhortation is that a widow should not be enrolled for financial support unless she is more than sixty, has been the wife of one husband, and is attested by good works. (5:9-10)
- 5A. The content of Paul's exhortation is that a younger widow should not be enrolled. (5:11-14)
  - 1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that a younger widow should not be enrolled. (5:11)
  - 2B. The reason why the younger widows should not be enrolled is because whenever they turn against Christ, they will want to remarry. (5:12a)
  - 3B. The result of turning against Christ is that they will have blame. (5:12b)
  - 4B. The reason why they will have blame is because they have set aside their first faith. (5:12c)

- 5B. The result of setting aside their first faith is that they will become idle talkers. (5:13)
- 6A. The content of Paul's exhortation is that he wants the younger widows to remarry, have a family, keep house, and to give no opportunity for reproach from the adversary. (5:14-15)
- 1B. [as a result of the possibility of wandering younger widows...] the content of Paul's exhortation is that he wants the younger widows to remarry, have a family, keep house, and to give no opportunity for reproach from the adversary. (5:14)
- 2B. The reason why Paul wants the younger widows to remarry, have a family, keep house, and to give no opportunity for reproach is because some young widows have already turned aside after Satan. (5:15)
- 7A. The content of Paul's exhortation is that any brother or sister who has widows in the household must financially support them. (5:16)
- 1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that any brother or sister who has widows in the household must financially support them. (5:16a)
- 2B. The purpose of the brother or sister financially supporting widows is so that the local church might not be burdened and so that the local church can help true widows. (5:16b)
- 8A. The content of Paul's instruction is that elders that show themselves to be good leaders should be paid especially those who teach. (5:17-18)
- 1B. The elders that show themselves to be good leaders should be paid especially those who teach. (5:17)
- 2B. The reason why the elders should be paid is because the Scripture teaches that faithful workers must be paid. (5:18)

- 9A. The content of Paul's exhortation is that the church should not accept an accusation against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses to the offense. (5:19-20)
- 1B The content of Paul's exhortation is that the church should not accept an accusation against an elder unless there are two or three witnesses to the offense. (5:19)
- 2B The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should reprove an elder who is sinning in the presence of all. (5:20a)
- 3B The purpose of public reproof is so that the rest might fear. (5:20b)
- 10A. The content of Paul's solemn charge in the presence of God, Jesus Christ, and the elect angels is that Timothy should guard the doctrinal principles with out prejudice or favoritism. (5:21-23)
- 1B. The content of Paul's solemn charge in the presence of God, Jesus Christ, and the elect angels is that Timothy should guard the doctrinal principles with out prejudice or favoritism. (5:21)
- 2B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should not ordain any elders hastily. (5:22a)
- 3B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should not share in others sins. (5:22b)
- 4B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should keep himself pure. (5: 22c)
- 5B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should drink wine for medicinal purposes. (5:23)
- 11A. Some sins are evident and some are not but in either case they will be judged. (5:24)
- 1B. The sins of some are evident. (5:24a)

- 2B. The result is that the sins of some precede them to judgement. (5:24b)
- 3B. [In contrast...] The sins of others follow them to judgement. (5:24c)
- 12A. Good and bad works are evident. (5:25)
  - 1B. Good works are evident. (5:25a)
  - 2B. [As a result...] Bad works are also evident. (5:25b)
- 13A. The content of Paul's exhortation is that slaves should consider their earthly masters to be worthy of all honor so that the name of God and the doctrine might not be slandered. (6:1)
  - 1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that slaves should consider their earthly masters to be worthy of all honor. (6:1a)
  - 2B. The purpose of slaves considering their earthly masters worthy of all honor is so that the name of God and the doctrine might not be slandered. (6:1b)
- 14A. The content of Paul's exhortation is that slaves who have believing masters should not take advantage of the fact that they are brothers but that slaves should serve believing masters even more since they are believing brothers. (6:2)
  - 1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that slaves who have believing masters should not take advantage of the fact that they are brothers. (6:2a)
  - 2B. [In contrast...] The content of Paul's exhortation is that slaves should serve believing masters even more since they are believing brothers. (6:2b)
  - 3B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should continually teach and encourage these things. (6:2c)

**6. Timothy and Teachers of False Doctrine Who Want to Make Money.** The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should separate from false teachers who teach unsound doctrine as a

means of making money and deny the Second Coming of Christ and teach a false doctrine called "GNOSIS". (6:3-21a)

**1A. Turning Away From False Teachers.** The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should separate from false teachers who teach unsound doctrine as a means of making money. (6:3-10)

1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should separate from false teachers who teach unsound doctrine as a means of making money. (6:3-5)

1C. The logical result of anyone teaching doctrine that does not agree with sound doctrine in accordance with Godliness is that he has become foolish. (6:3)

2C. The logical result of becoming foolish is that he knows nothing. (6:4)

3C. The logical result of anyone becoming foolish is that he is pining away about speculations and controversies which produce envy, slander, evil suspicions, and frictions which corrupt the minds of men and deprive them of the truth. (6:5a)

4C. The reason why some teach unsound doctrine is because they suppose Godliness is a way to make money. (6:5b)

5C. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should separate from those false teachers. (6:5c)

2B. [In contrast...] Paul asserts that Godliness is a means of great profit when accompanied by contentment. (6: 6-8)

1C. Paul asserts that Godliness is a means of great profit when accompanied by contentment. (6:6)

2C. The reason why godliness is a means of great gain is because we brought nothing into the

world and it is obvious that we are not able to take anything out. (6:7)

3C. The logical result of not being able to take anything out of the world is that believers should be content with food and clothing. (6:8)

3B. The reason why the desire to become wealthy plunges men into ruin and destruction is because the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil and will ultimately turn one away from the faith.. (6:9-10b)

1C. [In contrast...] Those who want to become wealthy fall into temptations and snares and many senseless and harmful desires. (6:9a)

2C. The result of falling into temptations and snares and harmful desires is that these desires plunge people into ruin and destruction. (6:9b)

3C. The reason why the desire to become wealthy plunges men into ruin and destruction is because the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil. (6:9c)

4C. The result of love of money being the root of all evil is that some who have pursued it have been caused to wander away from the faith. (6:10a)

5C. The result of having wandered away from the faith due to the pursuit of money is that some have put themselves on a spit with many pangs. (6:10b)

#### **4A. Fighting the Good Fight By Fleeing the Love of Money.**

The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy the man of God should flee the love of money and pursue godly character qualities and that Timothy should fight the good fight to keep the faith against false teacher opponents. (6:11-12a)

- 1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy the man of God should flee the love of money and pursue godly character qualities. (6:11)
- 2B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should fight the good fight to keep the faith against false teacher opponents. (6:12a)
- 3B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should lay hold/seek the reward of eternal life to what he has been called. (6: 12b)
- 4B. The manner in which Timothy is to lay hold of the reward is by confessing the good confession before many witnesses. (6:12c)

**5A. Fighting the Good Fight By Guarding the Doctrine of the Second Coming.** The content of Paul's exhortation in the presence of God and Christ is that Timothy must guard the purity of the doctrine until the Second Coming of Christ. (6:13-16)

- 1B. The content of Paul's exhortation in the presence of God and Christ is that Timothy must guard the purity of the doctrine until the Second Coming of Christ. (6:13,14)
- 2B. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ. (6:15,16)
  - 1C. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is that Christ will appear again. (6:15a)
  - 2C. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is that Christ is the only blessed Potentate. (6:15b)
  - 3C. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is that Christ is the King of those who will reign as kings. (6:15c)
  - 4C. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is that Christ is the Lord who will reign as Lords. (6:15d)

5C. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is that Christ alone has immortality. (6:16a)

6C. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is that Christ alone dwells in unapproachable light. (6:16b)

7C. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is that no man has seen Christ nor is able to see him prior to His Second Coming. (6:16c)

8C. The content of the doctrine that Timothy must guard is that honor and eternal strength only belong to Christ. (6:16d)

**6A. Trading Present Riches For Future Blessing.** The content of Paul's exhortation is Timothy should tell those that are rich in the present not to set their hope on the uncertainty of present riches but to set their hope in the Living God who will richly supply all things to believers for the purpose of our enjoyment. (6:17-19)

1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is Timothy should tell those that are rich in the present not to set their hope on the uncertainty of present riches. (6:17a)

2B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should tell those that are rich in the present to set their hope in the Living God who will richly supply all things to believers for the purpose of our enjoyment. (6:17b)

3B. The content of Paul's exhortation to Timothy is that he should exhort those who are rich in the present to practice good works, to be rich in good works, and to be generous and ready to share. (6:18)

4B. The result of practicing good works, being generous and ready to share is that they will be storing up for themselves a good foundation for the future kingdom. (6:19a)

5B. The result of being generous and ready to share is that they will lay hold of eternal life. (6:19b)

**7A. Fighting the Good Fight By Turning Away From False Doctrine.** The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should guard the deposit of apostolic doctrine by turning away from empty and godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called "GNOSIS". (6:20-21a)

1B. The content of Paul's exhortation is that Timothy should guard the deposit of apostolic doctrine. (6:20a)

2B. The manner in which Timothy should guard the doctrine is by turning away from empty and godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called "GNOSIS". (6:20b)

3B. The reason why Timothy should turn away from "GNOSIS" is because some by professing it have gone wide of the mark concerning the faith. (6:21a)

**7. The content of Paul's Closing** is that God's grace might be with Timothy. (6:21b)

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