

## PAUL TO A "T" 1 TIMOTHY 6

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.*

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### Lesson 17 • 1 Timothy 6 • February 29, 2012

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 Timothy 5** has been helpful to you?

#### SECTION I: Read 1 Timothy 6:1-2

2. a) Compare how slaves were to treat their non-believing masters with how they were to treat their believing masters.  
  
b) What were the reasons slaves were to serve their believing and non-believing masters in this way? Read **Colossians 3:22-24** for additional insight.  
  
c) How does (or has) your behavior at work, particularly in relation to your employer, reflect on God's name and the teaching of the church? If you have (or had) a Christian employer, describe your work habits in the context of **V2**?
3. What did Paul ask of Timothy in **V2**? Why do you think he did not instruct Timothy to decry the injustice of slavery?

#### SECTION II: Read 1 Timothy 6:3-10

4. a) From **V4-5**, describe the attributes of the person who teaches false doctrines and the result of their teaching.

4. b) What is the motivation of these false teachers?
5. a) In contrast to those who think “godliness is a means to financial gain,” what is great gain according to Paul in **V6-8**? Read Paul’s testimony in **Philippians 4:11-13**. What is the secret to living this way?
- b) On a scale of 1 to 10, how content are you with your lot in life? What breeds discontentment for you?
6. a) Some think money and wealth are evil. What exactly does Paul say in **V10**?
- b) According to **V9-10**, what can happen when you pursue wealth?
7. How would you describe your relationship to money and its impact on the course of your life? How have these verses stirred your thinking?

**SECTION III: Read 1 Timothy 6:11-21**

8. From **V11-12**, how does Paul refer to Timothy, and what does Paul charge him to do?

Flee \_\_\_\_\_

Pursue \_\_\_\_\_

Fight \_\_\_\_\_

Take \_\_\_\_\_

9. Find the attributes of God in **V13-15**.

10. What “good confession” did Jesus make before Pilate in **John 18:33-37**?
  
11. a) For those blessed with wealth, what instructions does Paul have (**V17-18**)?  
  
b) According to **V19**, what are the benefits to the rich if they do as Paul instructs?  
  
c) What motivates you to be rich in good deeds? How does laying up treasures for the coming age move you to action in this life?
  
12. Summarize Paul’s final words to Timothy in **V20-21**.
  
13. Form a prayer based on Chapter 6.

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. What did Jesus say about treasures in heaven in **Matthew 6:19-21**?
  
2. What does Jesus warn about in **Luke 12:15**?
  
3. How does the parable of the rich fool in **Luke 12:16-21** illustrate Jesus’ warning about the dangers of greed?
  
4. Read **Hebrews 13:5-7**. The writer of Hebrews addresses the love of money and contentment. What does he say? What does God say to us, and what can we say with confidence in reply?

