

1 Timothy 6:1-5

LESSON 23

Withdraw Thyself

1. 1 Timothy 6:1-2 – Work and Blasphemy

- a. Elders, widows indeed, rulers, and now masters are counted worthy of honor
- b. It is modish to disdain the Bible for talking about ‘slavery’, but... 1) There are different kinds; 2) men do worse w/o Bible; 3) Christ frees/saves all men
- c. In Christ, the doctrine is who you are in the Lord, not your flesh – 1 Cor 7:20-23
- d. Paul sets in order rules for servants/masters – Eph 6:5, Col 3:22, Ti 2:9-10
- e. God’s name/doctrine of grace is blasphemed if used to promote unruly disorder
 - i. Grace teaches godliness - 1Ti 1:13, 1:20, Titus 2:5-9, Rom 14:16,
 - ii. We are to serve one another by love – Col 3:11, 1 Cor 9:22; Gal 5:13

2. 1 Timothy 6:3 – Teaching Otherwise

- a. *“teach otherwise” or “consent not”* – this is disagreement among teachers/leaders
 - i. Consent ~def. be of one mind, agree = 1 Cor 1:10; Phil 2:2; 2 Cor 13:11
 - ii. He doesn’t say, if anyone misbehave, or do wrong, or sin, or doesn’t know
 - iii. Wholesome ~def. profitable, edifying, nutritious, nourishing - 1 Cor 10:23
 - iv. The words /teaching /doctrine is the important thing – 2Ti 1:13, Ti 1:9, 2:1
 - v. (Understanding what the words teach is just as important)
- b. *“the words of our Lord Jesus Christ”* – not a problem – 1 Cor 14:37
 - i. Christ sent Paul - Luke 10:16, Acts 26:16, Gal 1:1,1:12, 1 Thess 4:1-8
 - ii. Here are some things the Lord said you don’t find in MMLJ – Acts 20:33-35
 - iii. Jesus said things different to the twelve than to Paul – Mtt 6:12, 10:5, 23:3
 - iv. The inspired words of Paul are the Lord Jesus Christ’s words to you.
 1. 1 Cor 9:17, 15:10, Eph 3:2, Titus 1:3, 2 Tim 1:8-11

3. 1 Timothy 6:4-5 – Withdraw Thyself

- a. Paul makes a bold judgment of these non-consenters
 - i. Proud – where there is pride, there will be contention
 - ii. Knowing nothing – they are ignorant brethren, but ever learning?
 - iii. Questions, strifes, evil surmisings – 1 Tim 1:4, 2 Tim 2:14-15, 2:23; Titus 3:9
 - iv. Perverse – contrary; Corrupt minds – spoiled; destitute – not having, void.
 - v. *“gain is godliness”* – gain of what? Money, followers, answers, power, status
 - vi. The common denominator is that they subvert others instead of edify others
- b. *“from such withdraw thyself”* – ignored because it is the opposite of gain
 - i. “thyself” - They will not withdraw from you. You must do it. Leave!
 - ii. Paul says to mark and avoid certain people - Rom 16:17, 2Th 3:6, 2 Tim 3:5
 - iii. Godly separation is necessary for the preservation/purity of truth
 - iv. Separation increases integrity, character, and the clear witness of truth

8 Good Reasons to Leave Your Church

1. Wrong doctrine
2. Misuse of the Bible
3. Sin is promoted/endorsed/taught
4. The gospel of grace is missing/hidden/obfuscated
5. Sound doctrine is not a priority
6. More money talk than ministry work
7. You are looking for a social club or entertainment center
8. You are trying to start a church

8 Bad Reasons to Leave Your Church

1. Personalities
2. Environment
3. Your lifestyle is different
4. You learn there are people struggling with sin
5. Music/Worship
6. Your children
7. Size/numbers/money
8. Too much doctrine