
INSTRUCTIONS OF GOD IN THE LETTERS FROM PAUL

DEDUCTIVE LESSON SIX

1 Timothy 6

Day One: Verses 1–5

Read 1 Timothy 6:1–5 and answer the following questions.

1. Summarize verses 1–2.

2. What do verses 4–5 say about those who do not consent to the wholesome words of Christ and the doctrine which accords with godliness?

3. The first trait that Paul lists in the verses above is pride. Pride is the foundation for all types of sin. What do these verses say about pride?

Proverbs 16:18

Obadiah 1:3–4

4. Let's look at the pride of Haman, in the book of Esther. Read Esther 3:2–6. Instead of enjoying the homage that was paid to him by so many, what did Haman's pride cause him to focus on? What did that evoke in him?

5. Now read Esther 5:9–14. How did pride rob Haman?

Pride spills out of the heart via the mouth. What types of things did Haman choose to talk about?

6. Read Esther 6:6–10 and 7:10. In what way did pride blind Haman? Where did Haman’s pride ultimately lead him?

Scripture Memory: The Scripture Memory verse is 1 Timothy 6:6.
“Now godliness with contentment is great gain.” 1 Timothy 6:6

Day Two: Verses 6–10.

Read 1 Timothy 6:6–10 and answer the following questions.

1. What truths are found in verses 6–8?

2. What does verse 9 say about those who desire to be rich?

3. What else are we to flee, according to 1 Corinthians 6:18 and 10:14?

4. What did Paul say about his own "good fight" in 1 Corinthians 9:24–27?

5. What do you read about the "good confession" in these verses?

Luke 12:8–9

Romans 10:9–10

Scripture Memory: Fill in the blanks from memory.

"Now godliness with _____ is great _____." 1 _____ 6:_____

Day Four: Verses 13–16

Read 1 Timothy 6:13–16.

1. In whose sight does Paul urge Timothy (verse 13) and what does he urge Timothy to do (verse 14)?

2. Break down verses 18 and 19 into smaller sentences beginning with "Let me..."

3. What exhortation does Paul give to Timothy in verse 20–21?

4. False knowledge and worldly wisdom are dangerous things. What do these verses tell us about this subject?

Romans 1:20–23

1 Corinthians 1:18–24

5. What surpasses knowledge, according to Ephesians 3: 17–19?

Scripture Memory: Write out the complete Scripture Memory verse below.

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Day Six: Personal Application

1. Re-read 1 Timothy 6. Share one thing that jumps out at you from this chapter.

2. "Godliness with contentment is great gain." One way to foster contentment is to remind ourselves of all the things in our lives for which we have reason to rejoice and give thanks. Make a short list of those things below.

3. In the current economy, money matters are often a source of anxiety and stress. It is easy to think, "If I had just a little more money, I could breathe easier—I could be content." But, according to 1 Timothy 6:9, the desire to be rich (even just a little richer than we are) leads men to fall into temptation. Are you idolizing a better financial situation? Do you covet the financial "breathing room" of your neighbor? Do you feel entitled to something more? Or can you say, like Paul "having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." Examine your heart and write your thoughts below.

4. This week's chapter reminds us that Jesus is "the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords." Using the letters of the word majesty, write out seven sentences proclaiming the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ. These should be exclamation mark [!] sentences that declare His splendor, His might, His kingship, and His glory.

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