

Lessons From I Timothy

The Content Preacher

(I Ti 6:11-14)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening,
 - a. Greetings...
 2. Series of “Lessons From I Timothy.”
 - a. Last week we looked at “The Non-Content Preacher.”
 - i. **I Ti 6:3-10**¹
 - b. This week we will be examining “The Content Preacher.”
 - i. **I Ti 6:11-14**
 3. Paul having left off expounding to Timothy what non-content preachers act like and live for, now turns his attention to teaching Timothy what biblically content preachers strive for.
 - a. With that in mind let us look at our lesson today.
- I. The Content Preacher Flees...**
- A. Teaching a different doctrine
 1. There is nothing wrong with investigating everything.
 - i. **I Th 5:22**
 2. However when it comes to preaching, the righteous preacher only preaches what he knows is right.
 - i. This isn't to suggest he is perfect, but rather that he is striving to preach Bible only.
 - a. In other words not “I believe, only the Bible says.”
 3. The gospel preacher flees teaching a different doctrine.
 - B. Division causing quarrels and controversy
 1. There is nothing wrong with defending truth.
 - i. Paul went to prison for this reason.
 - a. **Ph 1:16**
 2. A gospel preacher never enjoys having to defend the faith against false doctrine and scriptural error.
 - i. He would much rather discuss our “common salvation.”
 - a. **Jd 3**
 3. The gospel preacher flees from division causing quarrels & controversy that are not salvational issues.
 - C. Glory from riches
 1. There is nothing wrong with being supported by the church to preach the gospel.
 - i. **I Co 9:14**
 2. However a gospel preacher never assumes his righteousness makes him monetarily valuable.
 - i. **Lk 17:10**
 3. A gospel preacher flees glory from riches and seeks glory from God.

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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II. The Content Preacher Runs Towards...

A. Righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, & gentleness

1. Righteousness
 - i. This “is doing what is right, as defined by God’s Word.”²
 - a. **Ps 119:172**
2. Godliness
 - i. This “is religious devotion and dedication to God.”³
 - a. **I Ti 4:7-8**
3. Faith
 - i. This is knowing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are God and a willingness to be obedient to them.
 - a. **He 11:6**
4. Love
 - i. This is actively pursuing the best for another.
 - a. **I Co 13:4-8**
5. Steadfastness
 - i. This “is actively bearing up under difficult circumstances.”⁴
 - a. **Ja 1:2-4**
6. Gentleness
 - i. This is meekness and mildness but is not to be confused with weakness.
 - a. The word literally means “strength under control.”
 1. **I Th 2:7**

B. The good fight of faith

1. Gospel preachers are to run towards the “good fight of faith.”
 - i. This is the spiritual war being fought for the souls of mankind.
2. Content gospel preachers have the whole armor of God on ready for the battle.
 - i. **Ep 6:10-13**

C. Eternal life

1. This is mankind “in” Christ.
 - i. **I Jn 1:2; I Jn 5:13; Ga 3:27**

D. Pure doctrine that is above reproach

1. The word reproach here, in the NKJV, has blameless.
 - i. This same word is found in...
 - a. **I Ti 3:2; I Ti 5:7**
2. The idea is that content gospel preachers seek doctrine that is...
 - i. Sound, logical, and legitimate.
 - ii. Without flaw.
 - iii. Honest with integrity

² Notes on I Timothy by WVBS pg. 190

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

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CONCLUSION

1. Brethren, the content preacher runs towards the spiritual battle well prepared and ready to fight the good fight of faith knowing he is secure in Eternal Life.
 - a. Let us make sure we are all content Christians ready to do the same.
2. Question: Are you running towards the battle or away from it?
 - a. If towards and prepared continue doing such and help others along the way.
 - b. If you are running away why are you doing such? Repent and run back to God bearing fruits of repentance.
3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent and confess your transgression before God so He can forgive you and bear fruit of repentance by dedicating the rest of your life for Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
 - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required for you to become a child of God.
 - i. Hear/Study God’s Word **Rom 10:17**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Heb 11:6; Jn 3:16; Jn 14:15**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:3**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32**
 - v. Obey The Gospel **I Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:3-5**