

1 Timothy

Fight the Good Fight

False Teachers and True Godliness

Introduction and Review (*1 Timothy 3:15, 6:2b, 4:3, 6, 11, 13, 5:7, 1:3, 4, 7*)

1. False Teachers _____

A. Their _____ Teaching (*1 Timothy 6:3, 1:3, 3:16; Matthew 5:48, 4:10; John 5:39; Luke 24:25-27*)

B. Their _____ Flaws (*1 Timothy 6:4, 1:7; Romans 12:3; Philippians 2:3, 5-8*)

C. Their _____ Influence (*1 Timothy 6:4-5; 2 Timothy 3:7-8*)

2. True Godliness _____ (*1 Timothy 6:6-8; Philippians 4:11-13; Job 1:21; Ecclesiastes 5:15; Luke 12:27-30*)

3. A Warning _____ (*1 Timothy 6:9-10, 6; Matthew 6:24*)

Discussion Questions (1 Timothy 6:3-10)

1. What is the main problem in the Ephesian Church? (*1 Timothy 1:3-4, 7; 4:3; 6:3*) Why does this problem cause Paul to instruct Timothy to teach what he has written in this letter and all of Scripture? (*1 Timothy 4:6, 11, 13; 5:7; 6:2b*)
2. What is the focus (the center) of “the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness”? (*1 Timothy 6:3, 3:16; Matthew 5:48, 4:10; John 5:39; Luke 24:25-27*) How does this help to expose the “different doctrine” of the false teachers?
3. What character flaws do the false teachers have? (*1 Timothy 6:4, 1:7*) How does this expose their lack of understanding for both Christ and godliness? (*Romans 12:3; Philippians 2:3-8*)
4. How did the teaching and corrupt character of these false teachers influence the church? (*1 Timothy 6:4-5a*)
5. How does Paul further describe the false teachers and those who follow them? (*1 Timothy 6:5b; 2 Timothy 3:7-8*) Why do you think they thought “godliness is a means of (financial) gain”?
6. What is contentment and why is it crucial for true godliness? (*1 Timothy 6:6-8; Philippians 4:11-13; Job 1:21; Ecclesiastes 5:15; Luke 12:27-30*) Are there areas in your life where you struggle with contentment? How might you overcome these struggles and experience contentment?
7. What dangers does “the love of money” bring? (*1 Timothy 6:9-10; Matthew 6:24*) How might you fight against “the love of money” in your own life?