### Lesson 24

### The Righteous Pursuit of the Faithful Believers

### 1 Timothy 6

### Day 1: Serving Masters and Recognizing False Teachers (vs. 1-5)

1. What challenged or encouraged you from last week’s study in 1 Timothy 5?
2. From these verses, what is a believer’s proper response to his or her “master” (employer), whether or not that master is a believer? See also Ephesians 6:5–8 and 1 Peter 2:18–20.

	1. What is Paul’s purpose here in admonishing Christians to serve their masters well? See also Colossians 3:24–25 and Titus 2:9–10.
3. According to 1 Timothy 6:3, what wrong views characterize false teachers?
4. According to 1 Timothy 6:4–5, Titus 3:9–11, and Romans 16:17–18, what behaviors characterize false teachers?
5. What motivates false teachers to continue to spread their evil? See Acts 8:18–21, Titus 1:10–11, and 2 Peter 2:1–3.
6. **Dig Deeper**: How can a believer guard against false teaching? Cite Scripture to support your answer.

### Day 2: Righteous Desires of Faithful Believers (vs. 6-10)

1. In verses 6–10, what two perspectives is Paul contrasting?
2. According to verse 6, what combination of character traits is a “means of great gain” for the believer?

	1. Who is the source of true contentment? See 2 Corinthians 3:5 and 9:8 and Philippians 4:11–13 and 19.
3. What do we learn about earthly wealth from 1 Timothy 6:7 and Luke 12:15–21?
4. According to verse 8, what is necessary for our contentment?
5. From verses 9–10 and Mark 8:36, list the dangers of loving money.
6. Would your family and friends characterize you as a contented person? Explain your answer.

	1. What changes do you need to make to grow in contentment?

### Day 3: Character and Motivation for Faithful Believers (vs. 11-16)

1. In your own words, define “flee.”
2. From what should the man of God flee?
3. According to 1 Timothy 6:11, 2 Timothy 2:22, and Matthew 6:19–21, what should the man of God pursue?
4. In verse 12, the Greek word for “fight” (agōnizomai) carries both a military and an athletic meaning. It can be translated as “compete,” “fight,” “labor earnestly,” or “strive.” What personal characteristics do we need to “fight the good fight of faith?”

	1. Have *you* fought the good fight of faith this week? Be specific in your answer.
5. Of what is Paul reminding Timothy when he tells him to take hold of eternal life?
6. In verses 13–15, what does Paul mean when he instructs Timothy to “keep the commandment?”
7. What attributes of God are evident in verses 13–15?

### Day 4: Handling Earthly Treasure by Faithful Believers (vs. 17-19)

1. In verse 17, what instruction does Paul give Timothy for those who are rich?
2. What do Proverbs 10:22 and 22:2 and 1 Corinthians 4:7 reveal about the source of wealth?
3. In verse 18, what instruction does Paul give Timothy for how the rich should use their wealth?

	1. How can you apply the principles in verse 18, no matter what your situation in life?
4. According to verse 19, what is the reward for the believer’s proper use of wealth?

### Day 5: Proper Handling of Truth by Faithful Believers (vs. 20-21)

1. What had been entrusted to Timothy that he was to guard? See also 2 Timothy 1:13–14 and 4:1–2, 1 Thessalonians 2:3–4, 1 Corinthians 4:1, and Galatians 2:7.
2. According to verse 20, what was Timothy to avoid?

	1. How is this accomplished? Cite Scripture to support your answer.
	2. According to verse 21, why are these activities to be avoided?
3. Paul concludes with the familiar closing “Grace be with you.” Why is grace important for a believer who is seeking to please God?
4. What challenged your thinking and what needs to change as a result of what you have learned from this lesson?

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