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## 1 Timothy 6

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### I. SLAVERY, THE WORKPLACE, AND EXCELLENCE: (VERSES 1-2)

- There was a specific reason Paul needed to address slavery.
- It was essential that both Christian slaves and masters recognized that they were on **equal terms** as believers.
- Paul reminded the Christian slaves and masters to be a godly example by the way they treated one another.
- We should work with excellence and show respect for our leadership—because it is a reflection on the God we serve.

### II. AVOID FALSE TEACHING: (VERSES 3-5)

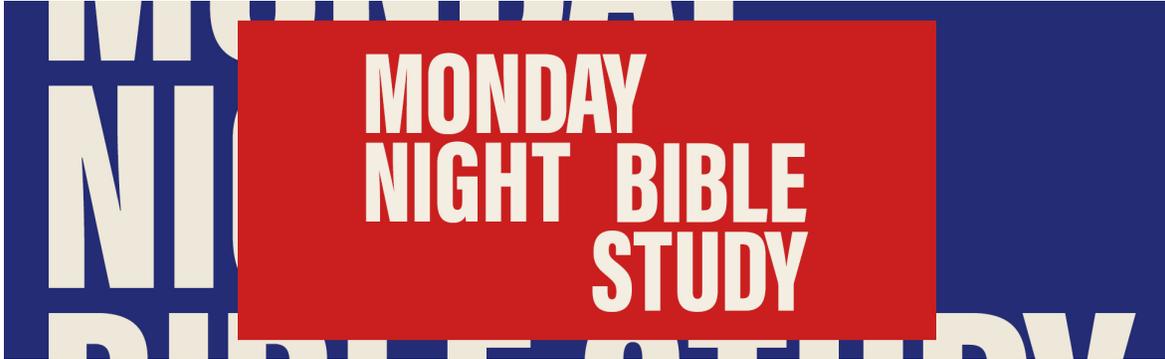
- Don't allow anyone to pull you away from the sound teaching of the Bible.
- Don't let anyone talk you into compromising God's Word and commands.
- Don't let anyone tell you that they have **special revelation** that no one else has.
- If a person tries to pull you out of the local church – that is a sure sign that something is wrong.
- God called us to unity, and He does not give anyone special revelation that contradicts His Word or pulls people away from God or the local church.

### FALSE TEACHING IN THE CULTURE OF THE DAY:

1. **Gnosticism:** many beliefs contrary to the teachings of Jesus. One belief was that God was unknowable.
2. **Decadent Judaism:** imposed Old Testament practices on the New Testament believers.
3. **False Asceticism:** a teaching that believed the physical body should be treated harshly.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF FALSE MINISTERS:

1. Deceivers.
2. Proud and conceited.



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3. Quarrelsome.
4. Stir up strife and envy.
5. Malicious talkers.
6. Evil suspicions.
7. Greedy.

### III. MONEY: CONTENTMENT, GREED, AND WEALTHY BELIEVERS (VERSES 6-10)

#### **A. The value of contentment:** *Philippians 4:11-13, Matthew 6:33*

- Content is a state of peaceful happiness; being satisfied; cheerful; and restful.
- It's an attitude of the heart.
- We should be content and grateful no matter our state or circumstances.

#### **B. Greed:** *Colossians 3:1-3*

- Greed is an obsession over money.
- True contentment comes from knowing God.
- Greed is the intense and selfish desire for something especially wealth, power, or food.

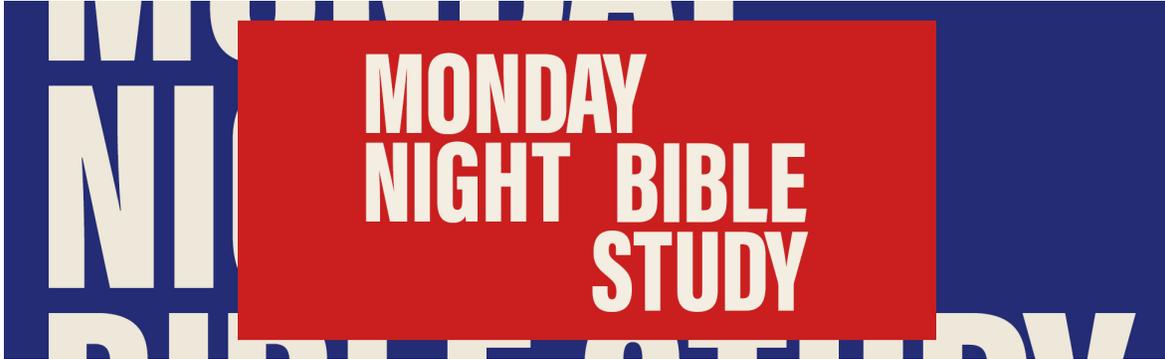
#### **C. Instructions to wealthy believers: (VERSES 17-19)**

#### **2 dangers for the wealthy to avoid:**

- Arrogance
- Dependence on money

#### **5 instructions to wealthy believers:**

1. Go after God. Always seek Him and don't be obsessed with money.
2. Don't be arrogant because you have wealth. Keep a humble attitude because wealth is uncertain, but God is your true Source of riches.
3. Be rich in helping others. Do good works to and for others. Having wealth does not exclude you from doing acts of service and generosity.
4. Be extravagantly generous. Be liberal and share your blessings with others who have needs because YOU are blessed to be a blessing. Use your wealth in a positive way.
5. When you do these things, you are storing up treasures in Heaven.



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#### IV. CHARGE TO TIMOTHY: PURSUE, FIGHT, GUARD: (VERSES 11-16)

##### A. Pursue these 6 things:

1. Righteousness: right living in God's eyes.
2. Godliness
3. Faith
4. Love
5. Endurance
6. Gentleness

##### B. Fight the good fight of faith: *1John 5:4*

- Sometimes circumstances seem against us.
- There are times people will oppose us and mistreat us.
- Satan is our enemy and he will seek to oppose and stop us.

##### C. Guard the deposit in you:

- Paul expressed 7 statements of majestic praise to God:
  1. Blessed and only Ruler
  2. King of kings
  3. Lord of lords
  4. Immortal God
  5. Deserves all honor
  6. Deserves all power
  7. Deserves all might