

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 6:2-11 Lesson #13

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

- 2 And those who have believing masters, **let them not DESPISE them because they are BRETHREN**, but rather serve them because those who are benefitted are believers and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

•**Colossians 3:22-25** “Servants, _____ in _____ your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in _____ of heart, fearing _____. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the _____ and not to men, knowing that from the _____ you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

Definition: “Let them not DESPISE them because they are BRETHREN” – Paul was speaking to Christian slaves who had Christian masters, and **telling them not to take advantage of their masters just because they were also Christians, or to LOOK DOWN on them.** Now, before you ask, “Why would a Christian even be owning slaves?” you must remember that this was a different society back then, and it was common for many, many people to own slaves. **These slaves were often people who had run into debt, and couldn't pay their debts, so they sold themselves to someone to be their slave until they WORKED OFF and PAID off the debt.** These were not slaves brought over from Africa or anywhere else, but usually just people from that community (sometimes captives taken during wartime, also).

•**Ephesians 6:5-8** “_____, be obedient to those who are your _____ according to the _____, with fear and trembling, in _____ of _____, as to _____; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as _____ of _____, doing the will of God from the heart, with good will doing _____, as to the _____, and not to men, knowing that whatever _____ anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, _____ he is _____ or _____.”

Definition: “Eyeservice, as men-pleasers” — Doing what is right, or working hard ONLY when someone is WATCHING.

•**Matthew 6:5** “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be _____ by _____. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward [*this is their ONLY reward*].”

Definition: “Masters according to the flesh” — Your earthly “master”, or EMPLOYER. These scriptural principles APPLY TO US today in our EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYER relationships. We should serve our “masters” or employers as if we were serving Jesus Christ Himself.

•**Colossians 3:17** “And _____ you _____ in word or _____, do all in the _____ of the Lord _____ Christ, giving _____ to God the Father through Him.”

•**I Peter 4:11** “If anyone _____, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone _____ (serves), let him do it as with the ability which God _____, that in all things _____ may be _____ through _____”

_____, to whom belong the _____ and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

3-5 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, **he is PROUD, knowing NOTHING, but is OBSESSED with disputes and ARGUMENTS over WORDS**, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of CORRUPT minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose the godliness is a means of gain (profit). From such WITHDRAW yourself.”

• **II Timothy 2:14-15** “Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to _____ about _____ to no profit, to the _____ of the _____. Be _____ to present yourself _____ to God, a worker who does _____ need to be _____, rightly dividing the _____ of _____.”

Definition: “He is PROUD, knowing NOTHING, but is OBSESSED with disputes and ARGUMENTS over WORDS” – People who are full of pride and their own SELF, and thinking so highly of themselves are the type of people who end up starting CULTS. They become obsessed with words or certain small things and ignore the truly important things of God’s word and the teachings of Jesus.

• **I Corinthians 8:2** “And if anyone _____ that he _____ anything, he knows _____ yet as he ought to _____.”

• **Romans 12:3** “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to _____ of _____ more _____ than he _____ to _____, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

Definition: “Be DILIGENT to present yourself APPROVED to GOD” – What is diligence or being diligent? The dictionary defines **being diligent** as “characterized by steady, earnest and **energetic application and EFFORT**” and **DILIGENCE** as “persevering application.” There are some things in your Christian walk that require that kind of effort and perseverance, and you need to APPLY God’s word to your life and situations. We’re not talking about working for your salvation, because **salvation is NOT of WORKS, but of grace** (Eph. 2:8-9). This is concerning the BLESSINGS of God, and rewards both here and in heaven, which is another way of saying “**APPROVED to GOD.**” Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 25:21, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things.” Jesus said this when giving a parable about HOW we manage the gifts and opportunities that God gives us. The blessings and rewards do not come to the lazy, or procrastinators, or the double-minded, or to those who give half-hearted efforts. God has provided **everything you need** (II Peter 1:3) for healing (physical, mental, emotional), for removal of your character defects and shortcomings, and for VICTORY in your life as a Christian, but if you think there is some “magic potion” or a “super pill” you can take that will make all your problems disappear overnight, you will be disappointed. God provided only ONE instant answer to a problem, and that was **the antidote He provided for the deadly poison of SIN.** When you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you were **instantly** saved, redeemed, justified, born again, forgiven, made righteous, sanctified (made holy), given eternal life, and delivered out of Satan’s kingdom. **Everything else in the Christian life is a PROCESS, and will take some effort and work on your part.** Your work will not ADD anything to what Jesus did for you on the cross, and you do NOT have to work to KEEP yourself saved, because you are already completely saved, and you will never lose it or become unsaved. You cannot earn your salvation by works, and you don’t have to work to keep it. The effort and work we are speaking of is the “**working out**” or outward manifestation of the **salvation that is already inside you**, (Phil. 2:12-13). It is your **growing to Christ-likeness** and having His image formed in you.

• **Philippians 2:12-13** “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always _____, not as

in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, _____ your own _____ with fear and trembling; for it is _____ who _____ in you both to _____ and to _____ for His good pleasure.”

● **Hebrews 11:6** "But without _____ it is impossible to _____ Him; for he that _____ to _____ must _____ that He _____, and that He is a _____ of them that _____ seek Him."

6-8 But **GODLINESS with CONTENTMENT is great GAIN**. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is **CERTAIN we can CARRY NOTHING OUT**. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

● **Psalm 49:16-17** "Do not be afraid when one becomes _____, when the glory of his house (material possessions) is _____; for when he _____ he shall _____ away; his glory shall not descend after him."

● **Proverbs 30:8** "Remove falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither _____ nor _____ - feed me with the _____ You prescribe for me; lest I be _____ and _____ You, and say, 'Who is the _____?' Or lest I be _____ and _____, and profane the name of my God."

Definition: "GODLINESS with CONTENTMENT is great GAIN" - Being "CONTENT" or "CONTENTMENT" means to be happy enough or satisfied with what you have, and not desiring anything else. God's word here in I Timothy says, "Having food and clothing, with these we shall be content," and yet most of us are not content with just those basic things. Everything we receive from God is a blessing, and **we should be thankful for ALL of His wonderful gifts and benefits He gives us**. Most of us have far more than just food and clothing to be thankful for.

● **Psalm 103:2-5** "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His _____; who _____ all your iniquities (sins), who heals all your diseases. Who _____ your _____ from _____, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender _____, who _____ your mouth with _____, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."

● **Philippians 4:11** "Not that I speak in regard to _____, for I have _____ in _____ state (condition) I _____, to be _____."

Definition: "It is CERTAIN we can CARRY NOTHING OUT" - There is a funny saying that goes something like this, "There are no U-Haul trailers being pulled by a hearse." **This means that the dead person cannot carry away with him any of his earthly goods or riches**. God's word also says the same thing, and that is that our wealth and worldly possessions will NOT follow us to our destination, whether heaven or hell, when we die.

● **Ecclesiastes 5:15** "As he came (was born) from his mother's womb, _____ shall he _____, to go as he came; and he shall _____ from his labor which he may _____ in his hand."

● **Job 1:21** "And he said, '_____ I came from my mother's womb, and _____ shall I _____ there. The Lord _____, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.'"

9-10 But **those who desire to be RICH** fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For **the LOVE of MONEY is a root of all kinds of evil**, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

• **Psalm 49:6-8** “Those who _____ in their _____ and boast in the multitude of their _____, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him – for the redemption of their souls is costly, and it shall cease forever – that he should continue to live eternally, and not see the pit.”

Definition: “**The LOVE of MONEY is a root of all kinds of EVIL**” – This Scripture does NOT say that money is evil, but **the LOVE of that money** is what brings about many kinds of evil and troubles in a person’s life.

• **Psalm 52:7** “Here is the man who did _____ make _____ his _____, but _____ in the abundance of his _____, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.”

• **Psalm 62:10** “Do not trust in oppression, nor vainly hope in robbery; if _____ increase, do _____ set your _____ on _____.”

11 But you, O man of God, flee (run away from) these things and **pursue righteousness, godliness, FAITH, LOVE, PATIENCE, GENTLENESS.**

• **II Peter 1:5-8** “But also for this very reason giving all _____, add to your _____ virtue (moral excellence, righteousness); and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control perseverance (patience); and to perseverance _____; and to _____ brotherly _____; and to brotherly kindness _____.”

Definition: “**Pursue righteousness, godliness, FAITH, LOVE, PATIENCE, GENTLENESS**” – **These qualities are just another way to say the “FRUIT of the Holy Spirit”** as listed in Galatians 5:22-23, and also are amazingly like the description of what love is in I Corinthians 13:1-8. The “Love Chapter” of the Bible, I Corinthians 13, tells us what love is, and also what it is not. A careful study of this description of love shows us that **it includes the fruit of the Spirit**, although some are described from the negative side: **love is NOT puffed up with pride** (fruit of goodness, also called meekness, or humility), **does NOT behave rudely** (fruit of gentleness, kindness), does not seek its own (is not selfish), is not provoked (doesn’t get easily irritated, fruit of patience, gentleness, self-control), and thinks no evil (fruit of faithfulness). Love suffers long (is patient) and is kind (fruit of patience, kindness), and so forth. Someone behaving rudely, or puffed up with pride, or acting in an unkind manner would obviously NOT be filled with the Spirit, since these things are the opposite of the fruit of the Spirit.

• **Romans 12:10** “Be _____ affectionate to one _____ with _____, in _____ giving preference to one another.”

• **I Corinthians 13:4-8** “_____ suffers long (is patient) and is _____; love does _____ envy; love does _____ parade itself, is _____ puffed up (with pride); does _____ behave _____, does _____ seek its own (is not selfish), is _____ provoked (not easily irritated), thinks no evil; does _____ rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the _____; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. _____ never fails.”

• **Ephesians 5:9-10** “(for the _____ of the _____ is in all _____, righteousness, and truth), proving what is _____ to the Lord.”

• **Galatians 5:22-23** “But the _____ of the _____ is _____, _____, _____, longsuffering (patience), _____, _____, faithfulness, _____, _____.
Against such there is no law.”