

/We will now begin the tenth lecture on 1 Timothy. /At this time we will look at 1 Timothy 6:11-21. /Verses 11-21 are about what God's people are to do.

/Read verse 11. /But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

/It says, "But you, man of God, flee from all this." /Here, "man of God" refers to all believers. /In this case, specifically, "man of God" refers to the leader, Timothy.

/Moses as a man of God. /Elijah was a man of God. /Anyone who is used by God is a man of God. /A man of God must live according to his position.

/A man of God is not of this earth, but is of the heavens. /A man of God lives not for himself, but lives for God. /A man of God does not live for his own pleasures, but lives to please God.

/A man of God must live solely for the glory of God. /It says, "flee from all this." /What is it that men of God must flee from?

/It says in verses 9-10 to avoid riches. /It says to avoid temptations of money. /It also says to avoid temptations of harmful desires. /We must be careful, and must avoid places and powers of temptations in our daily lives.

/When a man of God does not avoid these things, he will not be able to avoid temptations. /The footsteps of a man of God must be footsteps of blessings. /He must have wisdom to discern where he should go and where he shouldn't.

/A man of God must avoid what he must so that he may walk down the right path. /What must a man of God chase after?

/Verse 11 says, /"pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness." /A man of God must pursue righteousness. /"Righteousness" refers to what is upright, a proper relationship with God, /and proper relationships with others.

/Today the world is filled with unrighteousness. /A man of God must hold on to righteousness as his life. /Though others may walk down the path of unrighteousness, /we must walk down the path of righteousness as people of God.

/God is a righteous God. /God judged each generation when righteousness became lost. /Today, God seeks people who live righteous lives. /Next, a man of God must chase after godliness.

/"Godliness" refers to serving God by protecting oneself from being stained by the world. /There are many worldly forces in the church today. /We must be people of faith who can protect our faith in the midst of the corruption of the world.

/Believers who have life are not swept away by the world. /No matter how big a fish may be, if it is dead, it will be swept away by the waters. /No matter how small a fish may be, if it is alive, it will swim through the waters.

/Today, a man of God must live godly lives and not chase after the world, /and he must first change and then go change the world. /We must protect the chastity of our faith in this world.

/Today in the church there are many who are flawed. /This means that there are people who compromise with the world, /are swept away by the things of the world, /and are influenced by the world. /We, as people of God, must not chase after the world, but must change the world.

/A man of God must also chase after faith. /“Faith” is to trust in God, /and obey God’s Word. /There will be many who will leave their faith in the Last Days. /Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

/Even if the earth changes today, we must be people with unchanging faith. /We must also chase after love. /Why did God say to chase after love? /It is because love dries up as the Last Days approach.

/People gradually love themselves and love money. /People are becoming selfish and think only of themselves. /There is need for devotional love in the Last Days. /Churches today must be filled with love.

/The kingdom of God is a world of love. /We must be filled with the love of God and must become a loving community that serves one another. /We must also chase after endurance. /A man of God must have tolerance.

/We must persevere no matter what trials approach us /and when we become angry. /Those who have endurance will be blessed. /Have you heard of Job’s endurance? /Job endured extreme suffering and eventually received great blessings.

/Job did not resent God or people. /Today, a man of God must have perseverance. /A man of God must chase after gentleness. /Jesus, whom we believe in, is very gentle.

/Jesus said, “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.” /“Gentleness” means to /accept God’s guidance and commands. /We must also treat others with kindness and humility.

/Church leaders must especially be gentle people. /Moses was a great leader in the Old Testament times. /He first attempted to save his people with his own strength and power /and eventually killed an Egyptian.

/Moses then ran away to the Midian desert /and was trained and refined for forty years, and eventually became a gentle person. /Believers must be gentle in order to be used by

God.

/Next in verse 12 it says, “Fight the good fight of the faith.” /The good fight is a spiritual battle. /Today the church is a militant church. /We are in a constant spiritual battle in our lives.

/Our battle is not a physical battle. /We are fighting the devil. /We must defeat the devil, /defeat the world, /and defeat sin.

/We must also defeat ourselves so that we may live blessed lives. /For example, /how glorious and valuable are those who gain victory in the world? /There are athletes who win gold medals in the Olympics.

/We must have victory in the good fight so that God would be glorified. /We must win the good fight so that we can grow in faith, /be used greatly by God, /and conquer the world with our faith.

/It also says, “Take hold of the eternal life.” /This means to enjoy eternal life. /We must win the good fight so that we may enjoy life every day. /Our faith will also grow, /and we will be able to participate in the glory of God.

/God called us for this. /God also allowed us to make a good confession before others. /I pray that you will become people of God who find victory in your daily lives.

/Verses 13-16 teach us to faithfully keep God’s commands.

/Read verse 13. /In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you

/It says, “In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you.” This is a command made using God’s authority.

/The apostle Paul did not personally command Timothy /but commanded Timothy before the sovereign God. /We must keep these commands and obey because they are the commands of God. /Then what commands are we to keep?

/Verse 14. /to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

/It says, “to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.” /We will soon stand before the Lord. /All who believe in Jesus will enter heaven. /However, those who do not believe in Jesus will go to hell.

/However, even if one believes in Jesus, he will be judged before the Lord according to how he lived his life. /For example, a young woman /carefully puts on makeup before

meeting her groom. /She fills in her eyebrows /and puts makeup on her face.

/Why does she beautifully put on makeup? /Whom does she want to impress? /She wants to impress the groom. /When is a woman /most beautiful? /She is most beautiful the day she wears makeup and wears a veil on her wedding day.

/We also are waiting for the day when we will meet Jesus, our Bridegroom. /That is why we prepare as we live on this earth to impress Jesus. /What does a woman look into in order to put makeup on her face?

/She looks in the mirror. /Is there something on my face? /Is my hair disheveled? /Are the buttons on my clothes in place? /We see ourselves when we look in the mirror. /Today, the Bible is our mirror.

/We must groom ourselves so that we will be faultless before the Word of God. /God's Word alone is the target of our lives. /We must look to see what sins we have through the Word of God.

/Sometimes, the Bible teaches us and sometimes it admonishes us. /Those who discover themselves when they hear the Bible are truly blessed people. /Why does God admonish us through his Word?

/It is so that we would all be blameless before the Lord. /We must be ready to stand before God every day. /If the Lord were to return today, /what will He say about me?

/Therefore, we must live out our salvation each day on this earth. /What does it mean for believers to live out their salvation? /This means that believers throw away their sins each day.

/It means to live life without corruption. /It also means to continue to grow in our faith. /We must not stay children forever. /How would you feel if your child wanted to stay a child forever?

/Parents would be worried. /We must not be subjects of trouble, but we must please God. /To live out salvation also means /to become like the Lord each day. /We must be like the Lord in His character, /and be like Jesus in His nature.

/We must strive to be like Jesus in how He lived His life. /Then we will have nothing to be admonished of when we stand before the Lord.

/We must keep the Word of the Lord so that we would not be admonished. /When the time comes, we will see God. /What is God like? /It tells us in verse 15.

/Read verse 15. /which God will bring about in his own time-- God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

/First, God is the blessed. /God is the source of blessings. /God is the master of the universe /and God is sovereign. /God makes man rich and he makes man poor, /and God makes man prosper and makes man fall.

/God is absolutely sovereign and therefore, we must serve God well so that we may receive his blessings. /How have we been saved? /We have been saved through belief in Jesus.

/Also, we must be obedient to God's Word to receive blessings and rewards from God. /Second, God is the only Ruler. /God is. /There is no other god other than our God.

/Today, people serve idols and gods, but they are all nothing. /God is the only true God. /He is the subject of our worship /and the subject of our praises. /We must please God /and must be obedient to his Word to receive blessings.

/Third, God is the powerful God. /God is omnipotent. /There is nothing that God cannot do. /God created the universe with his words. /God has the power to raise the death to life.

/God is almighty. /God also has the power to heal us. /However, who are these powers seen through? /Those who are highly educated? /Those who are rich? /Those who are pretty and handsome?

/God only works through those who live in faith. /God's powers are seen through those who believe in him. /God is the King of kings. /There are many kings in this world, /but the highest king is our God.

/God brings up and destroys the kings of the world. /We must serve God, the King of kings, so that we may receive blessings before him. /God is the Lord of lords. /He is the master of all of creation.

/The master of the church is God. /The master of the world is God. /The master of our lives is God. /We must serve God as our master, /and we must be obedient to our master's words. /Therefore, we must live lives that solely glorify God.

/Read verse 16. /who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

/We must forever glorify and sing praises to God. /It says, "who alone is immortal." /All people are born and then die. /The poor die /and the rich die, unable to extend their lives with money.

/The most powerful in the world also die. /However, God is eternal and will never die. /God was before the creation of the universe, /and God will not perish even if the entire universe perishes.

/God exists forever and will exist forever. /God lives in unapproachable light. /We cannot see God with our eyes. /Why can't we see God with our eyes? /It is because God exists in Spirit.

/When we tell people, "believe in Jesus," they reply by saying, "show us God." /God exists in Spirit, whom we cannot see with our eyes. /Because God is Spirit, he is with us wherever we may go.

/Everyone, there is oxygen in this room. /Can we see oxygen with our eyes? /No, we cannot. /Then how can we know that there is oxygen? /We know because we can breathe it.

/God cannot be seen with the eyes, but he is alive. /How can we testify to God's existence? /All of creation testifies to God's existence.

/The Bible testifies to God's existence. /Numerous leaders of faith testify to God's existence. /The good conscience in our hearts also testifies to God's existence.

/Therefore, our lives must forever glorify God. /The purpose of our lives is to glorify God. /What is the reason for our existence? /We exist to glorify God.

/Whatever God's people do, they must do it for the glory of God. /We must study for the glory of God, /and we must work for the glory of God. /Those who serve in the church do it for the glory of God.

/Verses 17-18 teach us about the rich. /How must the rich who have been given riches by God live in this world?

/We must think about the reason why God gave us material blessings. /We must think about why God gave us health and knowledge. /What does it say about how the rich should live?

/Read verse 18. /Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

/Read verse 17. /Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

/Verse 17 gives warnings to the rich. /Verse 18 tells them how to use their riches. /Verse 17 says that first, the rich are not to be arrogant.

/It is easy for people to become arrogant when they become rich. /There are many who were once poor but became rich, who become bankrupt. /Therefore, whoever becomes rich must be cautious.

/There are some who are rich who cannot receive blessings because of their money. /It is better for one to be poor but humble and receive blessings, /than to be rich but arrogant and ultimately be ruined. /Hence, it commands the rich not to be arrogant.

/Second, it tells the rich not to put their hope in wealth. /The things of the world change. /Those who were once rich can become poor. /We must not depend on the things of the world.

/We must not put our hope in wealth, but must put our hope in God who gives freely. /We must be thankful for him who gives us gifts, more than the gift itself. /Let us say that a husband gave his wife a gift.

/If the wife does not thank her husband, /but is happy with the gift alone, what will her husband think? /The person who gave us gifts is more important than the gift itself. /We receive many gifts as we live in this world.

/We must not put our hope in the gifts of the world /but in God who gives us according to what we need. /What must be do with the gifts God gives us?

/Verse 18 speaks of three things. /It says to do good. /It means to use the riches that God has given us for good. /What is it to do good? /Everything that is done for God is good.

/Why did God give us health, time, and material goods? /The reason was so that we would use it all for the Lord. /Using it for the Lord is most valuable. /Some people use their goods for themselves.

/Some waste their goods on personal pleasures and enjoyment. /However, those who are most commendable are /those who use their goods for God and participate in the glory of God. /I once taught the teachers in my church.

/“When you leave this earth, /do not leave your fortune to your children, /but give all that you have for the church of God.” /We all came into this world empty-handed.

/Thus, those who use their goods on earth and use it all for God are commendable people. /What do you plan on using your riches for? /Use them for good deeds. /It is to plant seeds.

/Seeds must be planted so that there will be a great harvest, and you will receive many rewards before God. /I pray that you will be believers with wisdom to use your goods for the things that please God.

/Also, it tells the rich to use their riches for good deeds. /Good deeds are the deeds of mission work. /It is important that we spread the gospel to those near us, /and preach the Lord’s gospel throughout the world through mission work.

/If you were to use your goods /for missions, /God will be pleased, /and you will be able

to participate in the amazing glory before God. /God also said, be “willing to share.”

/Are those who receive blessed, or are those who give blessed? /Our Jesus laid down His life and served us. /We must also serve as many people as we can on this earth. /We must help those around us who are in need.

/Those who have Jesus in their hearts are those who serve others well. /The goods that the Lord has given us are not ours. /God temporarily entrusted us with them. /We do not have the rights to use them as we please.

/We must use our goods where the Lord wants us to so that we may receive more blessings from God. /Those who give are blessed. /When we do good deeds and share, what will the results be?

/Verse 19 gives us the answer. /Read verse 19. /In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

/Some people lay treasures for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age. /This means to store up treasures in heaven, /and plant seeds on the earth. /This is eternal. /Farmers need to plant many seeds in spring so that there will be great harvest in the fall.

/No matter how ignorant a farmer may be, /there is none who do not plant seeds and expect a harvest in the fall. /What does the Bible say? /It says we must sow to reap a harvest. /Those who sow plentifully will reap a great harvest, /and those who sow little, /will have little to harvest.

/God gave us time, material goods, and health /so that we would sow plentifully. /I pray that you would become believers who do not miss this opportunity to sow. /Those who sow plentifully will not regret it.

/I pray that you will be believers who sow with what God has given you. /Verses 20-21 give last words to Timothy.

/Read verse 20. /Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge,

/Paul told Timothy to guard what has been entrusted to his care. /Paul did not request this of Timothy alone, but to us today as well. /We must think for ourselves. /What did not entrust me with?

/God requested that we fulfill our individual calling and duties. /We must guard what God entrusted us with so that we will receive blessings and so that we will participate in the glory of God. /Not only must we guard what has been entrusted to us, but we must turn away from what we must turn away from.



/What does verse 20 say to turn away from? /It says to turn away from what is false. /This means to turn away from the false ideas and knowledge of the world. /There is much false ideas and knowledge in this world.

/When we chase after false knowledge, we will fall away from our faith. /What else does it say to turn away from? /It says to turn away from “godless chatter.” /Anything that is not the Bible is useless.

/We must avoid anything that insults God, /blasphemes against God, /and is useless talk. /It also says to turn away from opposing ideas. /There is no need for us to debate with unbelievers.

/We must be satisfied with preaching God’s Word. /Debating with others when we preach the gospel will not solve anything. /The Bible can only be perceived when ones believes and obeys. /Unbelievers debate among themselves.

/It is easy for those with little faith to debate with others. /The truth of the Bible is difficult for the human mind to comprehend. /One must believe God’s amazing Word as it is in order to understand and perceive the Bible.

/Church leaders must not debate with others and must preach God’s Word as it is. /Those who are taught the Bible are also not to stir up debate, but believe and obey as it is so that they may understand. /There are many who abandoned their faith as a result of debating with others.

/Read verse 21. /which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

/What type of people wander from the faith? /Verse 20 says that those who chase after false knowledge wander from their faith. /There are also those who wander from their faith as a result of debates and disbelief.

/Those who are held by the Word of God will not abandon their faith and will protect their faith until the end.

/Lastly, Paul blessed Timothy. /“Grace be with you.” /We must live in the grace of God so that we will gain strength, and so that the works of God will be present each day. /I pray that this grace will be with you.

/Here we will conclude the tenth lecture on 1 Timothy. /Thank you.