

/We will now begin the ninth lecture on 1 Timothy. /The main text is 1 Timothy 6:1-10. /Chapter 6 teaches us how believers must live in faith. /There are many different believers in the church today.

/It teaches us how to live in faith in our relationships with other believers. /Verses 1-2 speak of the relationship between masters and servants.

/Read verse 1. /All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered.

/It says that all who believe in Jesus must respect their masters. /The masters are those who do not believe in Jesus. /How are believers to behave towards those who do not believe? /It says, slaves "should consider their masters worthy of full respect."

/Believers must respect masters, /always be faithful to the work that's been given them, /obey those who are above them, /and take responsibility in the work given them. /Why must we respect masters? /First, it is for the glory of God.

/When believers are lazy and idle, they cover up the glory of God. /Today, in whatever work we believers do, /we must not think about how it can benefit us. /We must think about how we can work for the glory of God.

/Believers must always have principles for living. /One of them should ask the question: how can it glorify God? /Another should include bestowing virtue on all people.

/Another should include working for one's soul so that he would not bring damage to his faith. /Third, why must believers respect masters? /The passage says, "so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered."

/When we learn God's Word and do not act according to it, /people of the world will curse us /and say, "What is it that you learn in church?" /We must practice God's teachings in our lives.

/Unlike people of the world, we have been taught God's spiritual duties. /Therefore, we must learn the Bible /and put it into practice in our lives. /Then people will say, "This person has learnt well the Word of God."

/We must show others that we live by the Word of God. /When believers misbehave more than unbelievers, /the authority of God will fall, /God's teachings will be damaged, /and the authority of the Word of God will fall.

/Therefore, believers must be faithful to the work that has been given them for the glory of God, /and they must live exemplary lives so that God's teachings may shine.

/Next, verse 2 tells us to serve believing masters. /The masters we serve are those who serve God. /How does it say to act towards believing masters? /It teaches us, "not to show

less respect for them.”

/It is easy for us to treat believing masters lightly, because they are brothers. /We believers must not forget our positions. /Even if our masters are our brothers in faith, /we all have positions as servants.

/Therefore, we must properly serve the believing brothers. /We must not treat believing masters lightly, but serve them more. /Those who serve God must prosper so that the glory of God can be seen by others.

/Therefore, we must not be cautious about what others may think, /but we must faithfully fulfill our responsibilities before God. /We can avoid our masters, /but we cannot avoid the eyes of God that are always watching us.

/When we are conscious of people’s eyes, it is easy to become lazy. /In whatever we do, we must be truthful before God and work diligently. /We believers must be faithful for the glory of God, /and we must serve and love others as people who believe in Jesus.

/When we respect masters with faith, /it will be advantageous to both us and to others. /Paul commanded Timothy to teach this valuable truth. /The church of God must properly teach the Word of God, /and believers must put to practice the Bible in their lives.

/Verses 3-5 say, “pay attention to the sound truth.” /Knowledge is very important to us humans. /There are food that is fresh and food that has gone bad. /What happens when we eat food that has gone bad?

/We lose our health. /When we lose our health, we cannot complete the duties given us. / Knowledge is very important in our lives. /Why is knowledge important? /This is because people act according to /how they think and what they know.

/Read verse 3. /If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching,

/There are false teachings and correct teachings in this world. /We must boldly throw away false teachings. /Then we must grow beautifully in faith and become wise people with discernment. /When we cannot discern what is correct and what is false, it is easy to be deceived.

/God’s Word is the standard of faith and the standard of life. /If Christians do not stand in correct knowledge, they will fail in their faith. /Verse 3 says, if anyone “does not agree to the sound instruction.” /What happens when we don’t stand in sound instruction?

/Read verse 4. /he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions

/First, those who do not stand in sound instruction become conceited. /Today when one leaves the Bible, he will chase after the devil and become conceited. /Conceitedness is a quality of the devil. /The more we know the truth of God, we must become humble.

/Take a look at the apostle Paul. /He discovered the nobleness of God's knowledge. /Paul was filled with correct knowledge of God and he became a humble man. /Why are so many people today conceited?

/Those who are conceited do not know God /and have wandered far from the truth of God. /Take a look at the false prophets and leaders of cults today. /They have left the correct truth and are now seated on conceitedness.

/Second, when one does not stand in sound instruction, he understands nothing. /This means that he does not know God and he does not know Jesus.

/We must have correct knowledge and understand the Bible to /know God /and Jesus, /know the kingdom of God, /and know God's spiritual duties. /Why do so many people fall today?

/They fall because they throw away the truth of the Word of God. /Who will be blessed in the Last Days? /One must diligently read God's Word, /find a true church and learn God's Word, /and put God's Word to practice in his life in order to be blessed.

/Third, when one does not stand in sound instruction, he finds interest in controversies and quarrels. /He enjoys envy and strife. /This refers to fights and quarrels in the church today. /Those who know the truth of God /do not fight with one another. /All believers are at peace.

/They yield to others and make sacrifices for the glory of God. /Today, those who do not know the truth are controversial and fight with one another. /Fourth, when one does not stand in sound instruction, /he finds interest in words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, and evil suspicions.

/What are controversies and quarrels? /They are elements that cause people to think wickedly. /Those who have properly learned the Word of God /have beautiful hearts /and always think good things. /Today, those who have left the truth are controlled by the devil /and thus, they act according to their evil thoughts.

/Why did Judas Iscariot sell Jesus? /God's truth was not in him and therefore, Judas betrayed his teacher and sold Him. /Those who possess God's truth /are those who have God in the center of their lives /and are ruled by God's Word and the truth.

/Those who are ruled by God's Word are those who always think of the good. /What are in the hearts of believers? /Those who are controlled by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit always think of the good, /and those who are controlled by false knowledge and the devil always think of what's evil.

/People act according to their thoughts. /Those who have the devil in their hearts act wickedly, /and those who are filled with good always speak and act in goodness.

/Believers must stand firm in God's Word /and our hearts and thoughts must become good. /Also, what happens when one does not stand in sound instruction?

/Read verse 5. /and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

/Here it says that those who do not stand in sound instruction will be robbed of the truth. /No matter how well a person believes in Jesus, /once his heart begins to rot /he will smell of rancidity. /His heart will be filled with resentment and complaints, /and there will be no thankfulness in his heart.

/Because he will not have the Word of God in his heart, his heart will begin to deteriorate. /Those whose hearts are corrupted will continuously have corrupt thoughts. /They will think dirty thoughts, /evil thoughts, /complaints, /jealousy, /and resentment.

/Believers' spirits must become new through the Word of God. /When our hearts become new each day, we will sing praises of thanksgiving. /Therefore, we must daily examine our hearts.

/We must determine whether my spirit is changing or if it is becoming corrupt, /and we must continuously be changed and become new through the Word and through prayer. /God will pour out abundant grace into our new spirits. /Also, when we do not stand correctly in the truth, /we will think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

/Today, those who do not have the truth in their hearts /use God, /use the church, /and use the name of God /to fill their greed. /Today in the church, fallen leaders and believers /attempt to use the church or God to fill their greed.

/Some try to use the church to make money, /and some try to use the church to fill their honor and glory. /We must never try to use the church, /but rather, we must be used by God and the church to become people greatly used by God.

/Therefore, we believers must be filled with the Word of God, /and must discern what is good and evil. /Thus, the calling of churches today is extremely important. /Church leaders must be upright /as they preach the pure Word of God, /and believers must change each day through the Word of God.

/The members of the early church /consistently received the apostles' teachings. /They were able to change the world because they first changed. /There is much false knowledge in the world.

/Therefore, we must correctly teach God's Word /and make sure that the believers' views

are upright, /and we must all arm ourselves with the Word of God. /Today, we must discern /what are good thoughts and evil thoughts.

/We must stand firm in God's eternally unchanging Word /so that we may live lives that God is pleased with. /Today when there is false knowledge, improper actions will follow. /In today's generation, it is God's blessing to have met good leaders.

/Verses 6-7 teach us to live with contentment. /"Contentment" means to be satisfied with what one has.

/Read verse 6. /But godliness with contentment is great gain.

/It says, "godliness with contentment is great gain." /This means to throw away all greed in our hearts. /Why do so many people sin and fall? /It is because of man's greed. /In the beginning of creation, Adam and Eve fell to the devil because of greed.

/When one becomes greedy for money, the devil of riches will enter him, /the devil of honor and glory will enter those who are greedy for honor and glory, /and the devil will enter those who are greedy for the opposite gender and make them fall.

/Today, Christians must learn to be satisfied with what God has given them, and not love money. /God continuously changes our lifestyles. /Sometimes, we have plenty, /and sometimes we lack.

/In each circumstance, God trains us. /Paul confessed. /"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation." /We must learn to be thankful when we are in need, /and we must remain humble when God has given us plenty.

/Where does man's happiness lie? /It does not lie in material goods. /Whether we are rich or poor, we must make sure that none of it harms our faith. /We must make sure that our faith is not harmed even when we are poor.

/Also, even if God gives us an abundance of material goods, we must not let that harm our faith. /When we are content with the things we have, we will find great advantages in our faith. /What types of people have the greatest faith?

/They are those who serve God in the midst of poverty, /and those who serve God in the midst of their wealth. /It teaches us to be content for the benefit of our faith.

/Take a look at your faith. /Does your faith waver in different circumstances? /Is your faith firm no matter what circumstance you are in? /God desires us to have faith that is not shaken in any circumstance, /and wants us to have unchanging faith.

/We must be content with every aspect of our lives. /Why must we be content? /Verse 7 says, /we brought nothing into the world. /We will leave with nothing.

/Read verse 7. /For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

/It says, “For we brought nothing into the world.” /Everyone came into this world empty-handed. /Our God blessed us with many things. /We are merely stewards before God.

/God gave us time, /and gave us material goods. /God gave us materials /so that we would serve him. /God gave us goods so that we would keep our faith. /He also gave us goods so that we would serve and give to others.

/The master of humans is God, /and we believers are stewards. /No matter how much money we have or how big our houses are, /we leave everything when our lives come to an end. /Everyone will eventually die.

/No one dies and leaves this world with their fortune. /Verse 8 says, /we are to be content with what God has given us.

/Verse 8. /But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

/We must always thank God when we eat. /How thankful we are that we can wear clothes? /The Bible says that those who believe in Jesus should not worry about what to eat and what to wear.

/There are many believers who are anxious about things of the world. /Why did Jesus tell us not to worry? /We do not have to worry because God is our Father. /Our Father God is the master of all of creation.

/When we listen and obey God’s Word in faith, /he will provide us with the things we need. /When believers are saved through faith in Jesus /and serve God well, /obeying his Word, /God will provide us with everything we need.

/Matthew 6:33 says, /when we seek, we will be given what we desire. /Jesus said, “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. /What are the priorities in our lives? /Our priority should be to seek God’s kingdom and his righteousness.

/Then God will provide us with everything we need. /What is it to seek God’s kingdom? /It is to serve God as our master, /live a life with God, /and serve God as priority in our lives.

/To seek God’s righteousness /means to repent of our sins every day /and faithfully obey God’s Word. /Why did God acknowledge Noah as a righteous man? /There is no one on earth who is without sin.

/However, Noah was acknowledged as righteous because he obeyed God’s commands. /When all of mankind were destroyed, /God saved Noah and his family.

/We must not worry about things of the world, /but seek God’s kingdom and his

righteousness. /The greatest and busiest work in this world /is serving God first. /Why must we serve God well?

/God is the overseer of our lives, /is the source of blessings, /and overlooks all of mankind. /When we serve God, we must believe that he will provide for us everything we need. /Verses 9-10 say, those who want riches will be tempted.

/Read verse 9. /People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

/God told believers to be content with what they have. /There are those who live with desires to become rich. /It is not a sin to be rich. /What is the reason why so many people today sin and become corrupted?

/It is because of greed. /People sin because of greed, /fall because of greed, /and fall to temptations because of greed. /What is the result of those who attempt to be rich? /First, they fall easily to temptations.

/Those who fall easily to temptations in the church today are those who are greedy. /Those who are greedy face many temptations by the world. /Next, those who are greedy fall easily into traps. /“Traps” refer to tricks.

/Some are tricked into the devil’s trap because of their greed, /and some fall into traps through people’s bribes. /There are many traps in the world today. /Believers fall into traps as a result of their greed.

/Also, those who attempt to become rich fall into many foolish and harmful desires. /To fall into harmful desires means that /they become spiritually darkened and grow further away from God.

/Those who fall to harmful desires are cut off from God /and eventually end their lives in destruction. /The greed in this world break relationships people have with God. /We believers must love God most, /but they fall away from God and into the world because of greed.

/God gave us many blessings. /There are those who are blessed by riches and materials, and there are those who are face disaster. /If one grows apart from God because of money, that is not a blessing but calamity.

/If one grow apart from God because of honor and glory, that is not a blessing but calamity. /Those who attempt to become rich also fall to ruins and destruction. /Riches can destroy people. /Today, there are many people who face destruction in the end after they have chased after riches.

/Those who love money chase after money, /and those who love honor and glory chase after honor and glory. /Those who leave God will ultimately face ruins and destruction. /

Thus, in verse 10 it says, /do not love money.

/Read verse 10. /For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

/We must not love money but love God. /This verse teaches that the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. /Of course we need money as we live in this world. /We need money to make a living.

/We also need money to evangelize. /It becomes sin when one becomes to love money. /It says, “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” /Those who love money are greatly deceived.

/There are those who wander about between God and material goods. /When church leaders begin to chase after money, they will begin to become corrupted. /They will not only be deceived but will leave their faith.

/There are many in the Bible who abandoned their faith because of money. /Judas Iscariot loved money. /Not only did he betray the Lord, but he sold the Lord for thirty coins of silver.

/There are many people like Judas Iscariot in the church today. /When church leaders become greedy for money, they will walk down the same path as that of Judas Iscariot. / Other people who fell because of their love for money were Ananias and Sapphira.

/At first, this couple was inspired by the Holy Spirit and promised to give to God the money they received for selling a piece of their property. /However, this couple was enticed the moment they received the money. /They did some of the money and gave the rest to God.

/The couple was ruined in one morning’s time. /We must examine ourselves. /Do I love God? Do I love money? /Those who love money will not only abandon their faith but will pierce themselves with many griefs.

/We must serve God and then we can be satisfied with and happy with our lives. /We must be believers who do not love money, but love God the most. /We must be satisfied because of God, and I pray that you will find joy in your lives because of God.

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