

Discussion questions on 1 Timothy 6

1. What lies at the heart of Paul's words to slaves and masters? (vv. 1-2; see Titus 2:9-10) What can we learn from this in our rather different culture in 2006?
2. False teaching is characterized by
3. How are true godliness and contentment related? How can we grow in contentment?
4. Why do church officers in particular need to be aware of dangers here?
5. In the face of this corrupt teaching, what is the responsibility of the man of God? (v. 11)
6. What imagery is used in v. 12? See 2 Timothy 4:7.
7. What does it mean to "take hold of eternal life"?
8. How is your confession related to that of Christ?
9. Why does Paul break into a doxology (vv. 15-16)?
10. What does putting your hope in God involve? (vv. 17-19?)
11. What is the relationship between the present age and the one to come?
12. Why is the "you" in the benediction (v. 21) plural?

The gospel does not come to man as a communication or offer that leaves him free, but asks of him the decision and the act to enter into that way of salvation ordained of God and to abandon every other means of salvation than that which is proclaimed to him in the gospel.
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