

## 1 Timothy 6

1. What does the Holy Spirit say will happen now in these later times?  
-Some will abandon the faith and follow the teaching of demons.
2. Who are they who will abandon the faith and follow the teaching of demons?  
-Those who come to church and pretend that they are Christians.
3. How do we know that there were false teachers in the church in Ephesus?  
-Because Paul said this to Timothy:  
-“Stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer.”
4. According to 1 Timothy 4:1, what are these false teachers following?  
-The teaching of demons.
5. Why do false teachers have no problem to teach lies?  
-Because their consciences have been burned as with a hot iron.
6. Why do false teachers not know the difference between truth and lies?  
-Because their consciences have been burned as with a hot iron.

7. Will these false teachers say that they are rejecting the Word of God?  
-No.  
-They say that they are Christians and they say that they are teaching the Word of God.
8. Why is putting false teachers among Christians one of Satan's best works?  
-Because Christians may think that they are hearing the Word of God when instead they are being led away from the truths of God.
9. If we do not teach to others the truths of God which we have learned, what will happen?  
-We will fail to grow and be strengthened ourselves.
10. What is one way we can recognize the difference between false teachers and the Word of God?  
-False teachers talk a lot about our bodies, and how we can improve our lives here on earth.  
-The Word of God, however, talks about our souls, and how we can improve our lives not only here on earth, but also in heaven.
11. What does 1 Timothy 4:10 mean that God is the Savior of all people?  
-It can mean that Christ died to save all people.  
-The only problem is that not all people want to be saved.  
  
-We now begin our last lesson in 1 Timothy.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:1

1-Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers.

-With these verses, it is important to know that although God through Paul is teaching Timothy, He is also teaching all of us, especially the leaders of the church.

-With these verses, it is also important to know that God through Paul is teaching us how best to resolve the problem of sin in the church.

-While sin in the church is usually the result of one person, it also affects everyone else in the church.

-This is because all Christians are one family in Christ.

-Here are two illustrations:

-If your brother burns down your house, does it just affect him?

-No.

-It affects all of the family.

-If your sister burns the food she is cooking, does it just affect her?

-No.

-It affects all of the family.

-Because sin in the church affects everyone in the church, we must be careful how we resolve the problem of sin.

-In Matthew 18:15, Jesus said this:

-“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.”

-In Galatians 6:1, the Word of God says this:

-“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.”

-When there is sin in the church, we must encourage people instead of discouraging them.

-When there is sin in the church, we must strengthen others instead of weakening them.

-How are we to speak with older men?

-As if they were our father.

-If an older man is sinning, should we speak to him?

-Yes.

-But we must do this as if he were our father, and it is better if the leaders of the church speak to him.

-How are we to speak with younger men?

-As if they were our brothers.

-If a younger man is being foolish, should we speak to him?

-Yes.

-But we must do this as if he were our brother, and if he does not listen, it is better if the leaders of the church speak to him.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:2

2-[Treat] older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

-How are we to speak with older women?

-As if they were our mother.

-If an older woman is doing something wrong, should we speak to her?

-Yes.

-But we must do it as if she were our mother, and it is better if the leaders of the church speak to her.

-How are we to speak with younger women?

-As if they were our sisters with absolute purity.

-Is it wise for a man to talk to a young woman alone?

-No.

-He should take his wife or another man with him.

-Is it wise for a man to talk to a married woman alone?

-No.

-He should ask the husband of the married woman to also be there.

-Why is this important?

-Because many men who have tried to help other women have fallen in sin.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:3

3-Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need.

-It is God's plan that men care for their wives.

-And when a husband dies, God's plan is that the church cares for the widows.

-This is because our God has a special heart for widows.

-In Exodus 22:22-24, God told Israel:

-“Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword.”

-While Jesus walked on earth, He showed God's special

heart for widows.

-When Christ met the widow of Nain whose only son had died, Jesus walked up to the coffin, touched it, and raised her son from the dead (Lk 7:11-15).

-When Jesus taught about giving, He told His disciples that it was a widow who had given the greatest gift (Mk 12:41-44).

-After Jesus' went back to heaven, the first ministry of the church was to help widows.

-Just as Christ and the early church honored and served widows, we must also do the same.

-It is interesting to learn that the Greek word for "widow" can mean not only women whose husbands have died, but also women whose husbands have left them or divorced them.

-Therefore, it is the responsibility of the church to care for all women who have lost their husbands.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:4-5

4-But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

5-The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.

-In these verses, God is teaching us that there are two types of widows:

-Widows who still have their children or grandchildren.

-Widows who are left all alone and are really in need.

-If a widow has children or grandchildren, it is their work to care for their mother or grandmother.

-If a widow has no children or grandchildren and are left all alone with great need, it is the work of the church to care for them.

-While we may choose to help widows who are not Christians, the church must care for widows who are Christian and put their hope in God.

-Here are two examples of caring for widows:

-In 1 Kings 17, God told Elijah to go to Zarephath to provide food for a widow there.

-The Lord Jesus, when He was dying on the cross, told His disciple John to care for His mother (Jn 19:26-27).

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:6-8

6-But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

7-Give the people these instructions, so that no one may be open to blame.

8-Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

-What does the Word of God teach us about the widow who lives for pleasure?

-She is dead even while she lives.

-What does the Word of God teach us about those who do not provide for their relatives, especially their family?

-They have denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever.

-First, the Word of God has taught us how to care for widows in the church.

-Now, the Word of God teaches us about the work of widows in the church.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:9-10

9-No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband,

10-and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the

feet of the Lord's people, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

-What is the list of widows?

-It is not a list of widows who would receive help from the church.

-Rather it is a list of widows who would serve in the church.

-In the churches during Paul's time, just as there were elders, there were also groups of widows and other older women who served in the church.

-These women were to teach the younger women to love their husbands and children (Ti 2:4).

-They also served in the church by visiting the sick and providing food and a place to stay for visitors.

-To be on the list of widows and serve in the church, a woman must be over 60 years old, was faithful to her husband, and is well known for her good deeds.

-What about younger widows?

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:11-15

11-As for younger widows, do not put them on such a list. For when their sensual desires overcome their

dedication to Christ, they want to marry.

12-Thus they bring judgment on themselves, because they have broken their first pledge.

13-Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also busybodies who talk nonsense, saying things they ought not to.

14-So I counsel younger widows to marry, to have children, to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander.

15-Some have in fact already turned away to follow Satan.

-Why should younger widows not be put on the list of widows?

-Because their desire to marry again is greater than their dedication to Christ.

-If a young widow would begin serving in the church, but then get married, she would not be able to keep her commitment to serve in the church.

-It is also possible that they would become idle and talk gossip about other members of the church.

-According to the Word of God, what should younger widows do?

-They should marry and have children so that they give Satan no opportunity for slander.

-It seems as if some of the younger widows in Ephesus where Timothy was teaching had already turned to follow Satan.

-We should never give Satan any reason to hurt the church of Christ.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:16

16-If any woman who is a believer has widows in her care, she should continue to help them and not let the church be burdened with them, so that the church can help those widows who are really in need.

-This verse is the conclusion to God's teaching about widows, and teaches us once more of the work of the church to help widows who are really in need.

-In 1 Timothy chapter 3, we learned how elders must be.

-Now, the Word of God teaches us how the rest of the church must be toward elders.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:17

17-The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

-In the past, God chose Israel to teach the world the truths of God.

-Now, however, since Israel has turned away from God, God has chosen the church to teach the world the truths of God.

-Leaders or elders in the church are extremely important.

-Israel turned away from God because its leaders turned away from God.

-This is why the leaders or elders in the church must be chosen carefully, must be honored and protected, and must be rebuked if they are wrong.

-This is also why there is no pastor who is king of the church.

-The church must have a number of elders who together direct the church along with the Holy Spirit.

-It is also true that nowhere in the Bible is it written that a church needs to submit to a greater group of churches.

-Elders who lead the church well should be well honored.

-Just as we honor and respect our father and mother who have worked hard to lead us, we should honor and respect the elders who work hard to lead the church.

-If an elder is spending much time to teach the church, should the rest of the church help him with housing, food, clothing, or other needs?

-Yes.

-Here, God and Paul give us two verses from the Bible which help us to understand this truth:

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:18

18-For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."

-What does it mean to not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain?

-At harvest time, when the Bible was written, people would cut the plants at the bottom of the stalk, and place the plants on an area of hard ground that had been cleared.

-Then, the people would have their oxen walk on top of the plants in order to shell the grain from the stalk.

-Did the oxen have a cloth over their mouths to prevent them from eating when they walked on top of the plants?

-No.

-They were allowed to eat while they worked.

-Just as the oxen were allowed to eat while they worked, elders should be cared for by those in the church for whom they are working and teaching.

-In Luke 10:7, Jesus taught His disciples that the worker deserves his wages.

-Just as people work and receive pay from their work, elders who also work should also receive pay from their work.

-Should an elder feel ashamed to be supported by those he serves?

-No.

-As Jesus said, the worker deserves his wages.

-Even though elders should be loved, respected, and cared for, is it possible that people will not like them and try to falsely accuse them?

-Yes.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:19

19-Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.

-If someone brings an accusation against an elder, should we accept it if there are no witnesses?

-No.

-When should we listen to an accusation against an elder?

-Only if there are two or three witnesses.

-Satan and his demons will push people to falsely accuse the people of God.

-Joseph, Moses, David, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, Paul, and the Lord Jesus were all falsely accused.

-Satan and his demons know that if they can destroy the elders of the church, then they can hurt many people.

-This is why we must protect the elders.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:20

20-But those elders who are sinning you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning.

-If the accusations against an elder are true, should the other elders protect him?

-No.

-If the accusations against an elder are true, what should the other elders do?

-Correct him before everyone.

-Why is it important to correct before everyone the one who has sinned?

-So that the rest of the church would be warned.

-Should Christians always watch the elders in order to accuse them and correct them in front of everyone?

-No.

-To think that way would be sinful.

-Should elders be corrected for a small mistake that they quickly confess?

-No.

-For what sin should elders be corrected in front of everyone?

-Sin that they continually do and do not repent of.

-Sin that would cause them to no longer be an elder.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:21

21-I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.

-With this verse, we learn that God the Father, Christ Jesus, and the angels are watching that which we do in the church.

-With this verse, we learn that God the Father, Christ Jesus, and the angels are watching how the church responds to sin among the elders, but also among all of its people.

-Christ is the head of the church, and the Lord Jesus wants to keep His church pure, without sin.

-This is because the church is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Just as Christ and the Father are one, the Lord Jesus prayed that He and the church would be one (Jn 17:11).

-This is also why the Lord Jesus told us this:

-“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven” (Mt 18:18).

-This is why the church must openly resolve the problem of sin with elders and with all others in the church.

-Should we show partiality or favoritism to anyone?

-No.

-Why should there be no partiality among believers?

-Because all of God's children are equal before Him.

-Is there a special class in the church?

-No.

-In the same way elders should be completely impartial in dealing with all believers.

-As we near the end of the teaching about elders, God

through Paul warns us once again not to choose elders too quickly.

Let's read 1 Timothy 5:22

22-Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

-To lay hands on someone means that we are a part of them and accept them on our behalf.

-This started in the Old Testament when Israel would lay their hands on a sacrificial animal.

-This showed that they were a part of the sacrifice, and that God would accept the sacrifice on their behalf.

-In Acts 14:23, Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for the churches in Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch.

-In Titus 1:5, Titus was told to appoint elders in the churches in Crete.

-In 1 Timothy 4:14, the existing elders of the church appointed Timothy and other elders by laying hands on them.

-Should Christians quickly choose elders without learning whether these men have a strong faith in God?

-No.

-If Christians quickly choose elders, and the elders have much sin, the Christians who quickly chose them share the sin of the elders who have sinned.

-As we learned in 1 Timothy 3, the church must choose their elders carefully.

-Finally, we arrive at the end of 1 Timothy.

Let's read 1 Timothy 6:20-21

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,

21-which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. Grace be with you all.

-At the end of this letter, God and Paul are asking Timothy and all Christians to guard the truths of God.

-The main work of the church is to guard the truths of God.

-The main work of all Christians is to guard the truths of God.

-Why must we guard the truths of God?

-Because only the truths of God can save us.

-Because only the truths of God can make us to be the people that God created us to be.