

NON-PROPHET PROFITEERS:

Unprofitable Non-Profits

(1 Timothy 6:1–10)

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INTRODUCTION

EXPOSITION

INSTRUCTION TO SLAVES (6:1–2a)

(6:1) (Christian) slaves are to respect their own masters to prevent blasphemy against God and what He teaches

Regarding as worthy of honor probably does not refer to a financial repayment, though it could

(6:2a) Slaves with believing masters must not despise their masters, because they are brethren; they are to serve them because their masters (who benefit from their work) are beloved believers

GREED AND HERESY (6:3–10)

(6:2b) Timothy is to teach and exhort [what Paul has commanded in this book]

What is the referent of *these things*?

(6:3) Teachers who contradict and disagree with wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ and with teaching leading to godliness [have problems—detailed in the following points].

(6:4-5) [Teachers who contradict and disagree with wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ and with teaching leading to godliness] are arrogant, ignorant, craving disputes over words that lead to envy, strife, insults, reviling and evil suspicions, constant frictions of corrupt-minded men who are robbed-of-truth, who imagine that godliness is a road to (financial) gain

Falsehood leads to ungodliness. Cf. 1:3ff.

(6:5b) Timothy is to withdraw himself from such men

(6:6) [In contrast with viewing godliness as a road to (financial) gain] godliness is (itself) great gain, if we are content (with what God has given)

(6:7-8) [The basis of contentment is that] we brought nothing into this world and will not carry anything out of it, so we shall be content with food and clothing.

(6:9) Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and harmful lusts that lead to (temporal) destruction.

(6:10) Love of money is a root for a whole array of evil that has caused some to stray from the faith in greediness, resulting in self-inflicted misery.

CONCLUSION