**1 Timothy - Sussex GP TC**

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**Session 4: 1 Timothy 5v1-6v22: Tackle issues of Money in the Church & Final Charge to Timothy**

1. **5v1-6v2: Proper Honour for Widows, Elders and Masters**

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| **1 Timothy 5:1-21****Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.**  **3 Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. 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. 6 But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. 7 Give the people these instructions, too, so that no-one may be open to blame. 8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 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 saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds. 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 gossips and busybodies, 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. 16 If any woman who is a believer has widows in her family, she should help them and not let the church be burdened with them, so that the church can help those widows who are really in need.** **17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 19 Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. 20 Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.** **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 favouritism. 22 Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure. 23 Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. 24 The sins of some men are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them. 25 In the same way, good deeds are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.**  **1All 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. 2 Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are believers, and dear to them. These are the things you are to teach and urge on them.** | **Exegetical Notes***Proper Respect for Others* * **“an older man”**

*Honour Deserving Widows in Need* * “proper recognition”
* family responsibility
* “the widow who is really in need”
* “lives for pleasure”
* “his immediate family”= his own household
* “list of widows”
* (i) over sixty
* (ii) faithful to husband
* (iii) good deeds
* “younger widows”
* “their first pledge”= “their faith”
* “idle” – cf Titus 1v12
* “counsel younger widows to marry”
* “manage their homes”= “rule the household”
* “follow Satan”
* family responsibility

*Honour Elders in the Church* * “direct the affairs”
* “double honour”
* “especially those” = “namely those”
* “preaching”=speaking
* Deut 25v4 – cf 1 Cor 9v9
* Luke 10v7
* “entertain an accusation”
* “two or three witnesses”
* “rebuked publicly”

*Paul’s Solemn Charge* * “without partiality”
* “favouritism”
* “do not be hasty”
* the sins of others

 *Slaves Honour Masters* * “yoke”
* “full respect”= “honour”
* “God’s name”
* cf Isaiah 52v5
* “less respect” = “show contempt”
* “serve them even better”
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*Preaching 1 Timothy 5v1-6v2*

* Purpose: “Sort out the church for the sake of the gospel”
* Point
* Practical Implications
* Persuasion
* Theme and Aim Sentence
1. **6v3-10 – Resist the Love of Money**

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| **1 Timothy 6:3-10****3 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, 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 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.**  **6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 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. 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.** | **Exegetical Notes***The motivation of the false teachers* * “false doctrines”
* “sound instruction”
* “godly teaching”
* “unhealthy interest”
* “controversies”
* “godliness is a means to financial gain”

*Don’t Love Money** godliness”
* “contentment”= self sufficiency
* the temptations of wealth

 * “love of money” – cf Matt 6v24
* “wandered from”
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*Preaching 1 Timothy 6v3-10*

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1. **6v11-21 – Final Charge to Timothy**

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| **1 Timothy 6:11-21****11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 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 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time--God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no-one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen. 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. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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. 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 wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.** | **Exegetical Notes*** “man of God” – cf 2 Tim 3v17
* “flee” & “pursue”
* “the good fight” – cf 4v8
* “when you made your good confession” – baptism or ordination?
* “the good confession”
* “appearing”
* “only Ruler”
* “King of kings and Lord of Lords”
* “are rich”
* “this present world”
* “rich in good deeds”
* “willing to share”
* “guard”
* “entrusted to your care”

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