

DEAR TIMOTHY: Oh, And One More Thing

Text: 1 Timothy 6 (pages 993-994)

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I would rather not be here. (1 Timothy 6:1-2a)

You can have all this world, but give me Jesus. (1 Timothy 6:2b-10; 17-19)

The Good Fight. (1 Timothy 6:11-14a; 20-21)

The Glorious Appearing. (1 Timothy 6:14b-16)

Food for Thought for the week of August 6, 2017

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. Paul mentions the subject of slavery and seems to encourage those in it to stay put. Why wouldn't he speak out against it?
2. Talk about difficult times or circumstances that God has allowed you to stay in. Have they matured your faith or are you still wondering why?
3. Share a time in your life when you heard or believed in something that was "almost" the Gospel.
4. Why are we prone to believe in Jesus plus something else? What does it say about our heart and our potential need for control?
5. Discuss our culture and the pursuit of wealth. How do we, at times, gloss over this sin and see it as less offensive (to God) than something else?
6. How would you define "godliness with contentment"? Do you agree with Paul that it is "great gain"?
7. What is the "good fight"? Paul is exhorting us to pursue it with everything we've got, so understanding what it is must be our first step.
8. How can we become entrenched in the wrong fight? What tendencies or pitfalls does Paul mention that will get us off course?
9. Can we even fight the good fight on our own? What is the secret?
10. Talk about the Second Coming of Jesus. How should it affect our everyday life on earth?

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