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1st Timothy Lesson

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1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 6:2 and when time expired we were about to exegete the phrase “οτι ειμι πιστος” translated “because they are faithful.”
2. Before returning to that study I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Let me first give you an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:1:

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:1 All who are slaves and thus under the yoke of slavery they must count their very own master worthy of all honor so that the noble and honorable name of God is not blasphemed.

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 6:2 which in the KJV has been translated “*And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service ...*” noting it might better be rendered “**And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather you should serve them,...**”

5. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV:

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 6:2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

6. I want to review some of that learned last week:

AND THEY THAT HAVE ΔΕ Ο ΕΧΩ

1. **De Ho Echo** is better translated “Now those who have ...”
2. The article **Ho** is used as a substantive to describe a number of slaves who have believing masters. **Echo** is the “have and to hold” verb used to describe those slaves who are fortunate enough to belong to masters who are believers. We have studied **Echo** most recently in 1Ti 5:20 and 25. **Echo** as you may recall is generally translated “have, has, had, hold and holding” or that have.”

BELIEVING MASTERS, ΠΙΣΤΟΣ ΔΕΣΠΟΤΗΣ

1. **Pistos Despotēs** is well translated “believing masters ...”
2. **Pistos** is a cognate of the verb **Pisteuo**. It means “to be faithful, true, trusty, credible, sure” or “certain.” In this context it is used of faith in Jesus Christ.
3. In our verse it is used to describe masters who are believers.
4. **Despotēs** can be found ten times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “Lord, master, master’s, a lord, O Lord” or “Christ.” **Despotēs** denotes supreme authority, a lord over others and often it is used of God Himself. In our verse it is used of Christian masters who owned believing slaves.

LET THEM NOT DESPISE THEM, ΜΗ ΚΑΤΑΦΡΟΝΕΩ

1. **Me Kataphroneo** is better translated “they must not “think disparaging of them ...” or “they must stop despising them ...”
2. **Me** is a negative adverb followed by the verb **Kataphroneo**.
3. **Me** is the “softest” of the negatives but it does have an unusual meaning when used with the imperative. Its meaning must be determined from the context. With the imperative it can be translated “stop what is being done.”
4. **Kataphroneo** means “to condemn, to scorn, to despise” or “think disparagingly about someone.”
5. We then analyzed the phrase “because they are brethren.”

BECAUSE THEY ARE BRETHERN; ΟΤΙ ΕΙΜΙ ΑΔΕΛΦΟΣ

1. **Hoti Eimi Adelphos** is better translated “because they are your brothers and sisters in Christ ...”
2. **Hoti** is a causative adverb followed by the verb **Eimi** parsed as a third person, followed by the noun **Adelphos**.
3. **Adelphos** appears more than 250 times where it is translated “brother, brothers, brother’s” and “brethren.” Example: 1Jo 3:12-16.

BUT RATHER DO THEM SERVICE **αλλα μαλλον δουλευω**

1. **Alla Mallon Douleuo** is better translated “but most certainly rather you should serve them faithfully ...

2. **Alla** is the strongest of all the adversatives; it is followed by the adverb **Mallon** and the verb **Douleuo**.

3. **Mallon** appears more than 50 times in Scripture where it is translated variously as “more, rather, the more, more and more” and “the rather.” Examples: Acts 9:20-24; Rom 5:8-9; 1Co 6:7; 1Th 4:1, 10-12; 2Pe 1:9-11

4. **Douleuo** appears some 25 times in the New Testament where it is translated “serve, bondage, shall be in bondage, shall serve, serving, did serve” and “doing service.” Mat 6:24; Joh 8:33; Acts 7:7; Rom 9:12-14, 12:11-13; Tit 3:3; Gal 4:8; Eph 6:7-9

5. Now for new material and the phrase “because they are faithful.”

BECAUSE THEY ARE FAITHFUL **οτι ειμι πιστος**

1. **Hoti Eimi Pistos** is well translated “because they are faithful ...”

2. **Hoti** is a causative adverb followed by the verb **Eimi** parsed as a 3rd person plural, present active indicative and the noun/adjective **Pistos** declined as a nominative plural.

3. **Pistos** is used as a predicate adjective following the verb **Eimi** and thus is well translated “faithful.”

4. Let’s review the *Doctrine of Faithfulness*:

Faithfulness

1. God is totally faithful. One of God's essences is His immutable nature. He is unchangeable and stable thus He is quintessentially faithful to do what His Word says He will do.

2. God in His faithfulness will save all those who believe on His Son.

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Joh 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Joh 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

3. God in His faithfulness will also provide fellowship to all believers who name their sins to God.

1Jo 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jo 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

4. God is faithful because He has a perfect plan. We were called in eternity past and elected based on His omniscience. In eternity past He saw our faith in Christ.

1Co 1:9 God is "faithful," by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

5. God is faithful in His provision for us.

1Th 5:24 "Faithful" is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

6. God is faithful in testing and this includes:

6.1 testing as part of the growing-up process,

6.2 testing as it relates to material things and logistical grace,

6.3 even testing in spiritual matters.

1Co 10:9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. (See Num 21:6-9)

1Co 10:10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

1Co 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1Co 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is "faithful," who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

6.3.1 Notice verse thirteen; you will never be tested past your point of withstanding.

7. God is faithful to provide doctrine to those who want it.

Mat 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

8. Our faith should give us confidence to draw near to God because He is faithful.

Heb 10:22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

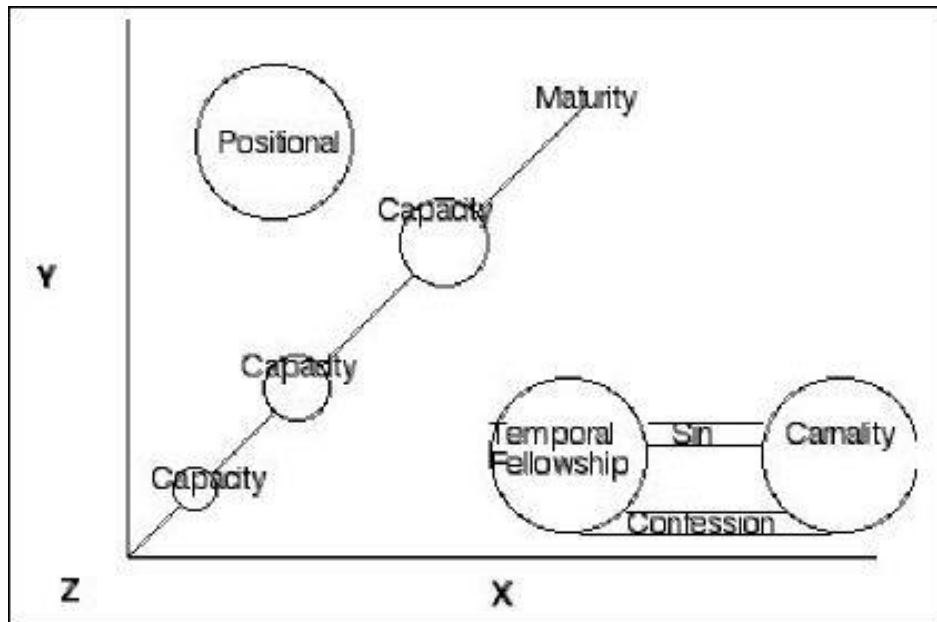
Heb 10:23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is "faithful."

9. After faith in Christ, God is faithful even if we try to back out on His deal.

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth "faithful:" he cannot deny himself.

10. God is faithful to provide fire support in the angelic conflict.

2Th 3:3 But the Lord is "faithful," who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.



11. God's faithfulness will be demonstrated on our journey toward perfection.

Heb 11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him "faithful" who had promised.

Heb 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

12. God's faithfulness is a product of His essence.

12.1 God is Sovereign, Righteous, Just, Loving, Eternal, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Immutable and True.

- God has never been in a slump and never changes; He can never be unfair.
- You can count on God's never changing.
- His works are unchanging.
- The person of Christ and His thinking are immutable.
- We as humans are desperately unstable and in need of God's stability.

Rom 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

1Jo 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

- God then is faithful in the administration of His plan for us and in His provision for us.

Psa 102:25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Psa 102:26 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.

Psa 102:27 But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

1Pe 1:24 For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,

1Pe 1:25 but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

Isa 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Acts 17:31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the Man he faithfully appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

13. Now for the phrase "and beloved, partakers."

AND BELOVED, PARTAKERS ΚΑΙ ΑΓΑΠΗΤΟΣ

1. **Kai Agapetos** is better "and beloved ones in the faith ..."

2. **Kai** is a conjunction used as a simple connective followed by the noun/adjective **Agapetos** declined as a nominative plural and used as a substantive.

3. **Agapetos** appears more than 50 times in Scripture where it is variously translated "beloved, dearly beloved, dear" and "well beloved." Examples:

Mar 1:10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

Mar 1:11 And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my **beloved** Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mar 9:7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my **beloved** Son: hear him.

Mar 9:8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

Mar 9:9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

Mar 12:6 Having yet therefore one son, his **wellbeloved**, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.

Mar 12:7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.

Mar 12:8 And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.

Col 1:7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our **dear** fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

Col 1:8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

2Ti 1:2 To Timothy, my **dearly beloved** son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jam 1:16 Do not err, my **beloved** brethren.

Jam 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Jam 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my **beloved** brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

1Pe 2:11 **Dearly beloved**, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

4. Now for the phrase “of the benefit.”

OF THE BENEFIT. ΟΙ Ο ΕΥΕΡΓΕΣΙΑ ΑΝΤΙΛΑΜΒΟΝΟΜΑΙ.

1. **Hoi Antil ambanomai Ho Euergesia** is better translated “these faithful believing masters having received many rewards in return for their good service ...”

2. **Hoi** is the nominative plural of the definite article and used as a substantive thus “these ones,” e.g., a faithful believing master. Next follows the monadic noun **Euergesia** declined as genitive singular and the verb **Antilambanomai** parsed as a present active participle and often used to convey “a taking in return, the giving of aid” or simply as describing “one assisting, aiding” or “helping.”

3. **Euergesia** is a compound noun consisting of the prefix **Eu** meaning “good” and the word **Ergesia** from **Ergon** meaning “work.” Example:

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

Acts 4:9 If we this day be examined of the **good deed** done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

Acts 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about **doing good**, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

Acts 10:40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

Acts 10:41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Acts 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

4. **Antilambanomai** appears three times in the New Testament where it is translated “to take in turn, to aid, assist” or “to help.” The verb is a compound consisting of **Anti** meaning “against, instead” or “for” and **Lambanomai** meaning “to take” or “to seize.” There is a related word “**Antilepsis**” which appears in 1Co 12:28. Examples:

Luk 1:54 And Mary said, "He has **helped** his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful Luk 1:55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

Acts 20:35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must **help** the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:36 When he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed.

Acts 20:37 They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him.

Acts 20:38 What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship.

1Co 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps**, governments, diversities of tongues.

5. We have concluded a sentence in the Greek so let's see how it looks by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:2 Now you Christian slaves that have believing masters, you must not despise them because they are faithful brethren and beloved in the faith; thus you should serve them; these faithful believing masters have received many rewards in return for their good service.

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