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1st Timothy Lesson

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1. Last week we exegeted 1Ti 6:3 and when time expired we were about to analyze 1Ti 6:4 by way of the *Doctrine of Pride*.
2. Before returning to that study I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Let's begin this morning's study with an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:1-3.

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.

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 service.

1Ti 6:3 Since there will be false teachers who will disregard the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, even His categorical teachings which foster godliness;

4. So far, we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 6:4 which in the KJV has been translated "*He is proud, knowing nothing ...*" noting it might better be translated "**this person is arrogant and understands nothing ...**"

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

KJV-Sentence Continues

1Ti 6:4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

HE IS PROUD, KNOWING NOTHING τῷφω ἐπισταμαι μηδεν

1. **Tupho Epistamai** is better translated "this person is arrogant and understands nothing ..."
2. **Tupho** is a verb parsed as a 3rd person singular perfect passive indicative followed by the verb **Epistamai** parsed as a present active participle and the negative adverb **Meden**.

3. **Tupho** means “to raise a smoke, to emit smoke, to smolder, to be demented with conceit” or “to be puffed up.” The perfect tense indicates this person spent little time if any in the Word and thus he now is puffed up about nothing.

1Ti 3:6 A pastor-teacher must not be a novice, lest being **lifted up with pride** he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

4. As I promised last week we will now review our *Doctrine of Pride*.

Doctrine of Pride

1. Webster defines pride as: "A sense of one's own proper dignity and value, or pleasure and satisfaction taken in one's achievements or possessions."

2. Pride only becomes a sin when we fail to recognize that the source of one's dignity, value, achievements, and accumulated possessions is God's grace.

3. Many Christians pride themselves in their humility and "stoop shouldered" meekness, as they like to think of themselves as suffering for Jesus.

4. This facade of humility is not part of God's plan because we are to have a firm confidence in our dignity and assurance of God's watch-care for every aspect of our life, as members of God's forever family.

5. Confidence in the Lord, with an associated stability of mind, should characterize the mental attitude of the mature believer:

5.1 We are to rest in the fact that everything in our life is part of God's divine decrees and perfectly structured for our maximum well-being.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

1Th 5:18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

6. There is a difference between being confident and the sin of pride.

6.1 This difference has nothing to do with overt appearances of either beleaguered self-denigration and/or confident manifest self-approval.

7. The finite difference is the source of your self-esteem, i.e., is the source God, or you?

8. Pride was the original sin of Satan and therefore pride relates to the fall.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14: 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the, man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

9. Pride is also a human sin and is listed first in those seven sins that God is said to hate.

Pro 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

Pro 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Pro 6:19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

9.1 The seven are:

Arrogance,

those who malign others and gossip,

murderers,

those who sit around indulging their mental attitude sins-thinking evil,

those who reject authority,

those who commit perjury,

and those who run around sowing discord among the brethren.

10. Since personal sin is not an issue in salvation, the sin of arrogance is deeply involved in the judgment of the unbeliever.

10.1 It takes preposterous arrogance to think man, apart from God could ever do anything acceptable to God.

Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

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.

Psa 14:1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Mic 7:2 The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

Mic 7:3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up.

Mic 7:4 The best of them is as a briar: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity.

Mat 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

Mat 19:17 And he said unto him, "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments."

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

11. Therefore pride is the single impediment to man's salvation, as he rests in his own dignity, self-esteem and self-perception of his own worth, usually relative worth.

2Co 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

12. Because of our hopeless condition and the total depravity of man, God took Care of the sin problem for all and then made sure everyone got the word, clearly understood the Word and left the Word with them to reject or accept.

12.1 The Holy Spirit makes both salvation doctrine and, after salvation, the whole realm of doctrine clear but only to the positive believer.

Joh 16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

Joh 16:8 "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"

Joh 16:9 "Of sin, because they believe not on me;"

Joh 16:10 "Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;"

Joh 16:11 "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

Joh 16:12 "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

13. As Paul teaches in his second letter to the church at Corinth; the self-righteous man usually compares his righteousness with that of others, ergo, it is often the unbeliever's own relative worth that impresses him or her.

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