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1st Timothy Lesson

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1. Last week I exegeted in part 1Ti 6:4 by way of the *Doctrine of Pride*. When the clock tolled 12:00 noon we were about to analyze the phrase "pride like all sin is to be avoided in time."

1.1 Introduction – There were many men who were instrumental in making Bible doctrine understandable. One such man was C. I. Scofield. His very interesting biography was reviewed last week. Particularly interesting was his work with Lewis Sperry Chafer.

2. Before returning to our analysis of 1Ti 6:4, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.

3. Let's begin this morning's exegesis with an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:3.

Expanded Translation

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 strife's of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising's,

6. The phrase "He is proud" made necessary a review of the *Doctrine of Pride*. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material at point 14 on page three.

Doctrine of Pride

1. 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.

2. Confidence in the Lord, with an associated stability of mind, should characterize the mental attitude of the mature believer. 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; 1Th 5:18

3. There is a difference between being confident and the sin of pride. This difference has nothing to do with overt appearances of either beleaguered self-denigration and/or confident manifest self-approval.

4. The difference between confidence and the sin of pride is the source of your self-esteem, i.e., is the source God, or you?

5. Pride was the original sin of Satan and therefore pride relates to the fall. Isa 14:12-17

6. Pride is listed first in the seven sins God is said to hate.

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

6.1 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.

7. Since personal sin is not an issue in salvation, the sin of arrogance is deeply involved in the judgment of the unbeliever. It takes preposterous arrogance to think man, apart from God could ever do anything acceptable to God. Isa 64:6; Rom 3:4; Psa 14:1; Mic 7:2

8. Therefore, pride is the single impediment to man's salvation, as he rests in his own dignity, self-esteem and perception of his own worth, usually relative worth. 2Co 10:12

9. 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.

10. The Holy Spirit makes both salvation doctrine and, after salvation, the whole realm of doctrine clear but only to the positive believer. Joh 16:12, 14:26

11. 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.

12. When a human is positive to God he will receive, somehow, someday God's plan of salvation. This is made clear in several Scriptures. Joh 1:9; Rom 1:21-28; Tit 2:11

13. Effectively then pride or arrogance is the basis for man's condemnation, and his failure to accept God's grace provision on the cross.

14. Pride like all sin is to be avoided in time if we are to become temporally sanctified.

15. Discipline seems to be the order of the day for those who are habitually proud.

Pro 16:5 Everyone that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: Be sure of this, he shall not be unpunished.

16. The sin of pride was often the basis for the judgment of Israel.

Isa 9:9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

Isa 9:10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.

Isa 9:11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Resin against him, and join his enemies together;

Isa 9:12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

17. Pride rejects the fact that it is Jesus Christ who controls history.

Dan 4:37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride, he is able to abase.

Psa 119:21 You rebuke the arrogant, who are cursed and who stray from your commands.

18. There are many New Testament passages that tell us to avoid the sin of pride.

Mat 23:5 "But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,"

Mat 23:6 "And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, "

Mat 23:7 "And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi."

Mat 23:8 "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

Mar 7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,"

Mar 7:22 "Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:"

Rom 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, "proud," boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

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

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

Jam 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisted the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

19. Pride is a terrible sin and one to be avoided.

1Jo 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

20. Doctrine in the soul helps to insulate against the sin of pride.

21. In our age of the Church it is not unusual to find congregations rejecting the authority of their right pastor-teacher and in their arrogance, they assume they really do not need a pastor-teacher to grow. Rightly dividing the Word requires the Pastor to teach the truth concerning the sin of pride and the difference between confidence and pride.

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

1Pe 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

1Pe 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

1Pe 5:3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

1Pe 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1Pe 5:5 Likewise, ordinary believers, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to one another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Pride stores up discord and strife.

Pro 28:25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall prosper.

22. Conclusion

22.1 Paul introduces his teaching of liberty versus license with a discussion of pride and arrogance.

1Co 8:1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

1Co 8:2 The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know.

22.2 Verses one and two above serve as an introduction to a problem in Corinth.

22.3 Paul makes the point that knowledge on occasion leads to pride.

22.4 Christians are not exempt; there is often a tendency on the part of Christians to use doctrine in their soul as a source of prideful arrogance and condescension.

22.5 We sometimes look down our noses at our brothers and sisters in Christ who have less doctrine. In doing so we judge what God created and loves. What arrogance on our part.

22.6 Given our human frailty, a human's assessment of self is often wrong; we sometimes think or speak of another as being inferior, not as smart or not as spiritual.

22.7 Whether our judgments are right or wrong is not the issue. Paul makes clear we are our brother's keeper and have no business judging another.

22.8 What we are to do instead is to love them with **Agape**; the royal family honor code demands we respect our Christian brethren as fellow members of the body of Christ, each of whom is absolutely essential and without whom we are incomplete.

22.9 Effectively then pride or arrogance is the basis for man's condemnation, and his failure to accept God's grace provision on the cross.

23. Little wonder Satan uses pride as his number one temptation to create schisms in the Body of Christ.

24. The Lord teaches His disciples in Mar 9:30-37 that there is no room in the Kingdom of Heaven for pride. To enter Heaven, we must be changed at the door and become like a trusting child.

Mar 9:30 They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were,

Mar 9:31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."

Mar 9:32 But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

Mar 9:33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

Mar 9:34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

Mar 9:35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Mar 9:36 He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them,

Mar 9:37 "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

25. So in closing our study of pride we must keep in mind the seven deadly sins and the relative prepotency established in Pro 6:16-19.

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.
Pro 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
Pro 6:21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

26. Let's return to the analysis of the sentence begun at 1Ti 6:3 by reviewing an expanded translation of what we have exegeted thus far:

Expanded Translation

**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;
1Ti 6:4 these folks are arrogant and understand nothing ..."**

27. Now for the phrase "but doting."

BUT DOTING μηδεν, αλλα νοσεω

1. **Meden Alla Noseo** is better translated "but instead these false teachers are possessed with a sick craving ..."

2. **Meden** is a negative adjective/adverb. It is followed by **Alla** the strongest of the adversatives and the verb **Noseo** parsed as present active participle.

3. **Noseo** is a hapax legomenon. It was used by Josephus, Philo and Plutarch to describe a "diseased appetite." It was also used to communicate a vicious fondness for useless pontifications.

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