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## **1<sup>st</sup> Timothy Lesson**

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1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 6:5 and when the clock tolled noon we were in the process of a word study of Αληθεια translated "of the truth."
2. Before returning to that analysis, 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 6:3-4.

### **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 this person is arrogant and knows little to nothing about the Word of God but likes to argue about religion; such arguments often lead to envy, strife, outspoken blasphemies and wicked suppositions;**

4. So far, we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 6:5 which in the KJV has been translated "*Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute ...*" noting it might better be rendered "**These false teachers will create constant friction within the body of Christ, for they are men of corrupt minds having purposefully deprived themselves ...**"

5. Now let's return to our exegesis of 1Ti 6:5. I want to begin with three translations of this dire warning regarding preachers who are in the "business" for financial gain.

#### **KJV-Sentence Continues**

1Ti 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

#### **NIV**

1Ti 6:5 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.

#### **AMP (revised)**

1Ti 6:5 and perpetual friction between men who are corrupted in mind and deprived of the truth, who think that godliness is a source of profit [a lucrative, money-making business—withdraw from them].

6. First Timothy was written by Paul from Rome to Timothy who was teaching in Ephesus. Many subjects have been studied to date. For example, in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy we have studied Paul's views on

HERESY, FABLES & ENDLESS GENEALOGY

MOSAIC LAW VS GRACE

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

QUALIFICATIONS OF DEACONS AND PASTOR-TEACHERS

DUTIES OF DEACONS AND PASTOR-TEACHERS

PLACE OF WOMEN IN LOCAL CHURCH

WALK AND WORK OF A GOOD PASTOR-TEACHER

USE OF BENEVOLENT FUND

TREATMENT OF WIDOWS

PAY FOR PASTOR-TEACHERS

FALSE TEACHERS & HOW THEY SERVE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN

7. Now for new material and the phrase "of the truth."

OF THE TRUTH, ο αληθεια

1. **Ho Aletheia** is better translated "*having been deprived* of the truth in the past with the result they are now devoid of doctrine ..."

2. **Kai** is a conjunction used as a simple connective followed by a monadic noun **Aletheia** declined as a genitive singular.

3. **Aletheia** appears more than 100 times in Scripture where it is translated "truth, true, doctrine" or "verity." Examples:

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and **truth**.

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and **true** holiness.

Eph 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Eph 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Eph 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the **truth**, that they might be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the **truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

## SUPPOSING THAT GAIN νομιζω πορισμος

1. **Nomizo Porismos** is better translated “supposing that monetary gain ...”

2. **Nomizo** is a verb parsed as a present active participle followed by the noun **Porismos** declined as an accusative singular.

3. **Nomizo** appears 15 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “think, supposed, supposing, hast thought” or “to think.” Examples:

Luk 3:23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was **supposed**) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Acts 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

Acts 8:19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because **thou hast thought** that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 16:27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, **supposing** that the prisoners had been fled.

Acts 16:28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Acts 16:29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

4. **Porismos** appears two times in Scripture where it is translated “gain, great gain” or “financial gain.” Example:

1Ti 6:6 But godliness with contentment is **great gain**.

## IS GODLINESS ΕΙΜΙ Ο ΕΥΣΕΒΕΙΑ

1. **Eimi Ho Eusebeia** better translated “is meant to be a product of godliness ...”

2. **Eimi** is a verb parsed as a present active infinitive followed by the noun **Eusebeia** declined as a nominative singular.

3. **Eimi** appears more than 500 times in Scripture where it is variously translated “is, was, are, be” or “to be.”

4. **Eusebeia** appears 16 times in the New Testament where it is translated “holiness” or “godliness.” Examples:

Acts 3:12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or **holiness** we had made this man to walk?

Acts 3:13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Acts 3:14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

Acts 3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

1Ti 2:2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all **godliness** and honesty.

1Ti 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

1Ti 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1Ti 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and **godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience **godliness**;

2Pe 1:7 And to **godliness** brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

FROM SUCH WITHDRAW THYSELF.

1. This phrase does not appear in the better manuscripts.

2. Let's see how 1Ti 6:5 looks by way of an expanded translation. I want to also provide a review and preview of an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:3-10.

### **Expanded Translation**

**1Ti 6:5 These false teachers will create constant friction within the body of Christ, for they are men of corrupt minds having purposefully deprived themselves of divine viewpoint supposing that monetary gain is meant to be a product of their façade of godliness.**

3. Preview:

**1Ti 6:3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching,**

**1Ti 6:4 they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk and evil suspicions.**

**1Ti 6:5 These false teachers will create constant friction within the body of Christ, for they are men of corrupt minds having purposefully deprived themselves of divine viewpoint; as a result they think that their work for the Lord is a means to financial gain.**

**1Ti 6:6 But true godliness with contentment is great gain,**

**1Ti 6:7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.**

**1Ti 6:8 If we have food and clothing, we should be content with that.**

**1Ti 6:9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.**

**1Ti 6:10 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.**

4. Now let's see what we can learn from an exegesis of verse six.

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

NIV

1Ti 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

BUT GODLINESS ΔΕ ΕΥΣΕΒΕΙΑ

1. **De Eusebeia** is well translated “But Godliness ...”

2. **De** is a conjunction used as an adversative.

3. **Eusebeia** comes from the noun **Eusebes**. The verb form of **Eusebes** is **Eusebeo**.

3.1 The verb is a compound consisting of the prefix **Eu** meaning good and the verb **Sebomai** meaning “to worship.” **Eusebeo** came to mean the exercise of good worship practices. Let me give you several uses of first the noun and then the verb.

### **Eusebes**

Acts 10:2 A **devout** man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

Acts 10:3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

Acts 10:7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a **devout** soldier of them that waited on him continually;

Acts 10:8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

Acts 22:12 And one Ananias, a **devout** man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

Acts 22:13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

2Pe 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the **godly** out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2Pe 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

1Ti 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto **godliness**.

1Ti 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

### **Eusebeo**

Acts 17:23 For as I passed by, and beheld your **devotions**, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

1Ti 5:4 But if any widow have children or grandchildren, let them learn first **to shew piety** at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

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