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

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1. Earlier on 29 October, I taught in part 1Ti 6:5 and when the clock tolled noon we were in the process of a word study of νομιζω πορισμος translated "supposing that gain."
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 of the truth ...**"

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 "supposing that gain."

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** is 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 ...

2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

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