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1st Timothy Lesson

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1. Last week I taught 1Ti 6:5 and 6:6 and when the clock tolled noon we were exegeting 1Ti 6:7 by way of the Greek phrase εσφέρω δυναμαῖ translated in the KJV "we can carry nothing out."
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 6:3-6.

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;

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 real godliness results in not just contentment but a special comfort and sense of destiny.

1. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material on page two.
2. And now let's see what we have learned so far from 1Ti 6:7.

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

NIV

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

FOR WE BROUGHT NOTHING Γαρ ουδεν εισφέρω

1. **Gar Ouden Eisphero** is better translated "For you see we certainly brought nothing ..."

2. **Gar** is an explanatory particle followed by the negative adverb **Ouden** and the verb **Eisphero** parsed as a 1st person plural, aorist active indicative.

3. **Eisphero** is a compound consisting of the preposition **Eis** and the verb **Phero**. **Eis** means “into, unto” or “in the direction of,” and **Phero** means “to bear, to carry” or “to bring.” Mat 16:13; Luk 5:18-19; Heb 13:11-14

INTO THIS WORLD, ΕΙΣ Ο ΚΟΣΜΟΣ,

1. **Eis Ho Kosmos** is well translated “into this world ...”

2. **Eis** is a preposition followed by the monadic noun **Kosmos** declined as an accusative singular.

3. **Kosmos** is the common word for world. It appears more than 150 times in Scripture where it is translated “world” or “world’s.” Joh 3:16-18, 16:33; Eph 1:4-6

AND IT IS CERTAIN ΟΤΙ

1. **Hoti** better translated “and as a fact ...”

2. **Hoti** is a causative adverbial particle.

3. Now for new material and the phrase “we can carry nothing out.”

WE CAN CARRY NOTHING OUT; ΕΚΦΕΡΩ ΔΥΝΑΜΑΙ ΟΥΔΕ.

1. **Ekphero Dunamai** is better translated “we will not be able to carry out anything .”

2. **Ekphero** is a verb parsed as an aorist active infinitive followed by the verb **Dunamai** parsed as a 1st person plural, present active infinitive.

3. **Ekphero** appears seven times where it is translated “bring forth, carried out, shall carry out” or “beareth.” Examples:

Luk 15:22 But the father said to his servants, **bring forth** the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

Luk 15:23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

Luk 15:24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Acts 5:6 And the young men arose, wrapped him up, and **carried** him out, and buried him.

Acts 5:7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

Acts 5:8 Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price."

Acts 5:9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and **shall carry** thee out.

Acts 5:10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

Acts 5:11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

Heb 6:4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,

Heb 6:5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age,

Heb 6:6 if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

Heb 6:7 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.

Heb 6:8 But land that **produces** thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

4. **Dunamai** appears more than 150 times where it is translated "power, strength, powers, mighty deeds" or "mightily." Examples:

2Co 12:12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and **mighty deeds**.

2Co 12:13 For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

2Co 12:14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

2Co 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

2Co 12:16 But be it so, I did not burden you: nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you with guile.

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the **power** may be of God, and not of us.

2Co 4:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Col 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me **mightily**.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the **power** of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

5. Now let's see how the entire verse looks by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:7 For we brought nothing into the world, and obviously we cannot take anything out of the world;

6. Paul will now provide that about which we should be content: food and clothing.

KJV-Sentence continues

1Ti 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

NIV

1Ti 6:8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

AND HAVING FOOD δε εχω διατροφη

1. **De Echo Diatrophe** is better translated “but having and holding food ...”

2. **De** is a conjunction used as an adversative followed by the verb **Echo** parsed as a present active participle and the noun **Diatrophe** declined as an accusative plural.

3. **Echo** is the “have and to hold verb.” It appears more than 500 times and thus in our many studies we have often noted where and how it has been used in Scripture: a quick review of its use in 1st John will illustrate.

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.

4. **Diatrophe** is a hapax legomenon. It is used of food, sustenance and support by several writers of antiquity such as the writer of the Book of Maccabee and the writer of Antiquities.

AND RAIMENT ΚΑΙ ΣΚΕΠΑΣΜΑ

1. **Kai Skepasma** is better translated “and clothes for our bodies ...”

2. **Kai** is a conjunction used as a simple connective followed by the noun **Skepasma** declined as an accusative plural.

3. **Skepasma** is a hapax legomenon used often in antiquity by such writers as Josephus, Aristotle, and Philo. Arnt and Gingrich in their famous lexicon tell us this noun comes from the verb **Skepazo** meaning to cover usually in the sense of clothing.

LET US BE THEREWITH CONTENT. ΟΥΤΟΣ ΑΡΚΕΩ.

1. **Houtos Arkeo** is better translated “with such two essentials we should be satisfied.”

2. **Houtos** is a demonstrative pronoun followed by the verb **Arkeo** parsed as a 1st person plural, future passive indicative.

3. **Houtos** is a near demonstrative pronoun declined as a locative plural and as such always refers to an antecedent within the near context; thus, in this case a literal translation would be “with these things.”

4. **Arkeo** has several meanings such as “to ward off, to be of service, to suffice” or “to be enough.” Examples:

Mat 25:9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not **enough** for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

Mat 25:10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

Mat 25:11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

Mat 25:12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

Mat 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Luk 3:12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

Luk 3:13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.
Luk 3:14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and **be content** with your wages.

Luk 3:15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

Luk 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

Luk 3:17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

Heb 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and **be content** with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

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.

3Jo 1:9 I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will have nothing to do with us.

3Jo 1:10 So if I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, gossiping maliciously about us. Not **satisfied** with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

5. Now let's see how the entire verse looks by way of an expanded translation

Expanded Translation

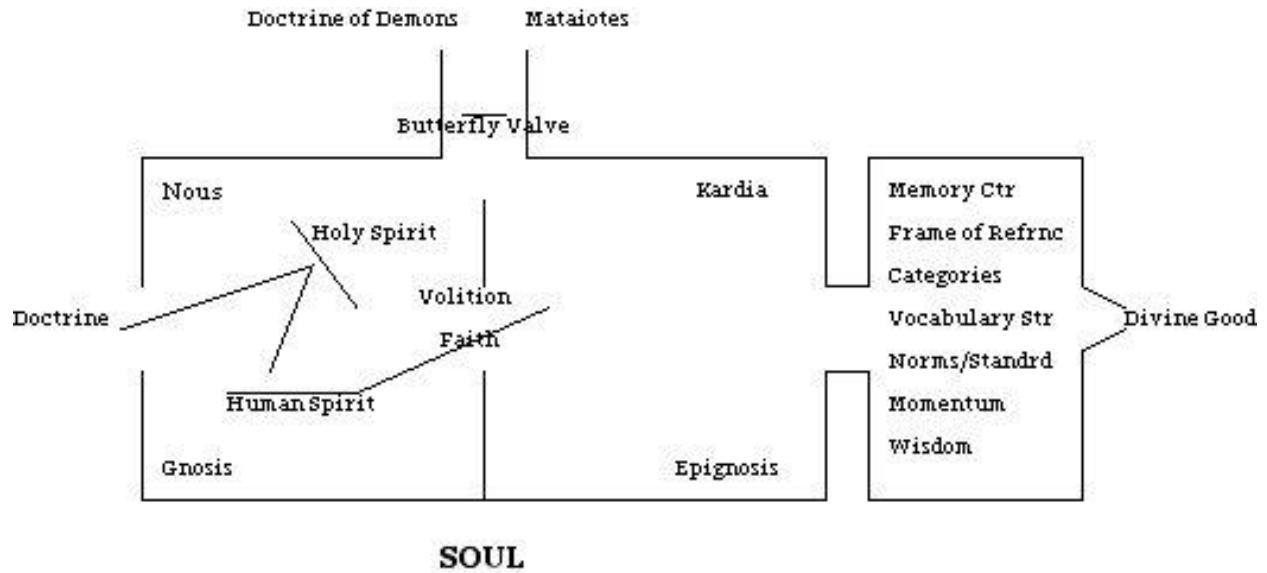
1Ti 6:8 but if we have food and clothing for our bodies we should be content.

6. I want to give a few points about God's logistical grace.

6.1 This is that grace which keeps us alive in time and provides everything we need to permit the cycling of Bible doctrine in the soul. Such cycling glorifies God.

6.2 We are provided protection in the devil's world: For example, we are provided: food, clothing, shelter, transportation to Bible class, the Word, a pastor-teacher, oxygen for the brain, etc.

6.3 When positive to the Word we will receive doctrine. The Lord will feed us until we want no more.



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

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