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1st Timothy Lesson

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1. Earlier on November 26 I taught 1Ti 6:7 and when the clock tolled noon we were exegeting 1Ti 6:8 by way of a categorical review of the subject "logistical grace."
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 6:3-7.

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.

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

1. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material on page three.
2. And now let's see what we have learned so far from 1Ti 6:8. Paul is writing a pastoral epistle to Timothy and making a clear statement that he and Timothy should be satisfied with food and clothing.

KJV-Sentence continues

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

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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; Luk 3:14; Heb 13:14; 3Jo 1:10

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 resume the study of 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.

6.4 There can be no spiritual growth without doctrine, so God provides doctrine a day at a time as we want it.

Jos 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do all that is written therein: for then God will make your way prosperous and you shall have a very successful life.”

6.5 You will be blessed in time as you cycle Bible doctrine and develop capacity for blessing. God provides our needs not necessarily our wants.

Luke 12:28 If then God so clothed the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will He cloth you. O you of little faith!

6.6 Even promotion, which the world attributes to hard work and talent is a gift from God.

Psa 75:6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south, but God is the judge,

Psa 75:7 he putteth down one and He sets up another.”

7. Let's see what we can learn from 1Ti 6:9.

KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

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

BUT THEY THAT ΔΕ Ο

1. **De Ho** is better translated “But pastors, or for that matter anyone ...”
2. **De** is a conjunction used as an adversative followed by the definite article **Ho** used as a substantive and declined as a nominative plural.

WILL BE RICH βουλομαι πλουτεω

1. **Boulomai Plouteo** is better translated “who serves for the purpose of becoming wealthy ...”
2. **Boulomai** is a verb parsed as a present active participle followed by the verb **Plouteo** parsed as a present active infinitive.
3. **Boulomai** appears more than 30 times in Scripture where it is translated “will, willingly” or “desire.” Examples:

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son **will reveal** him.

Mat 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Mat 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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