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1Ti 6:11

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1. Last week I taught 1Ti 6:10 and when the clock tolled noon we were in the process of exegeting 1Ti 6:11.
2. Before returning to our study, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Let me first give you an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:9-10.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:9 All, and that includes pastor-teachers, who have an inordinate desire for wealth will invariably fall into temptation and become entrapped into many foolish and harmful desires. Such desires will plunge them into ruin and destruction.

1Ti 6:10 For you see the love of money is and keeps on being the root of all kinds of evil; some, because they craved money and the things it will buy have wandered from the faith thus piercing themselves with a great deal of divine discipline.”

4. So far, we have exegeted that portion of verse 11 translated in the KJV: *“But thou, O man of God, flee ...”* noting it might better be rendered **“But you, man of God, it is imperative that you flee materialism lust ...”**

5. The entire verse has been translated:

KJV

1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

NIV

1Ti 6:11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

6. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material on page two.

OF GOD, FLEE THESE THINGS; ΘΕΟΣ, ΦΕΥΓΩ ΟΥΤΟΣ

1. **Theos Pheugo Houtos** is better translated “man of God, it is imperative that you flee materialism lust ...”

2. **Theos** is a proper noun declined as a genitive singular and used as a descriptive genitive followed by the verb **Pheugo** parsed as a 2nd person singular present active imperative and the demonstrative pronoun **Houtos** declined as an accusative plural and used as a direct object.

3. **Pheugo** appears more than forty times in Scripture where it is translated “follow, persecute, which follow after, shall suffer persecution” and “follow after.” Examples:

Luk 17:23 Men will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go **running** off after them.

Rom 9:30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not **pursue** righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith;

Rom 9:31 but Israel, who **pursued** a law of righteousness, has not attained it.

1Co 4:12 We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are **persecuted**, we endure it;

1Co 14:1 **Follow** the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.

4. Now for the phrase “and follow after righteousness.”

AND FOLLOW AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS, ΔΕ ΔΙΩΚΩ ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣΥΝΗ

1. **De Dioko Dikaiousune** is better translated “and continuously pursue God’s process of righteousness ...”

2. **De** is a conjunction used as a simple connective followed by the verb **Dioko** parsed as a 2nd person singular present active imperative and the noun **Dikaiousune** declined as an accusative plural.

3. **Dioko** appears more than 40 times in Scripture where it is translated variously as “persecute, persecuted, which followed after, follow after” or “press toward.” Examples:

Mat 5:10 Blessed are those who are **persecuted** because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, **persecute** you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Acts 26:11 Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. In my obsession against them, I even went to foreign cities **to persecute** them.

Rom 9:30 What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not **pursue** righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith;

Rom 9:31 but Israel, who **pursued** a law of righteousness, has not attained it.

Phi 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I **press on** to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Phi 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

Phi 3:14 I **press on** toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution**.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

2Ti 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

4. Now let's see how the verse looks so far by way of an expanded translation.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:11 But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue the process of righteousness, ...

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