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**1Ti 6:11**

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1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 6:11 and when time expired we were about to begin a word study of the Greek noun **Hupomone**.
2. Before returning to the exegesis of verse eleven, 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 and some because of their craving have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with a great deal of pain and suffering.**

4. So far, we have exegeted that portion of verse 11 translated in the KJV: *“But thou, O man of God, flee these things and follow after godliness, faith, love, patience, ...”* noting it might better be rendered **“But you, man of God, it is imperative that you flee materialism lust and follow after godliness, faith, love, patient endurance ...”**

5. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV:

KJV

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

6. Pastor teachers and their congregants are to avoid materialism lust.

PATIENCE MEEKNESS υπομονη πραυπαθια

1. **Hupomone Praupathia** is better translated “patient endurance and humility.”

2. **Hupomone** is a noun declined as an accusative singular followed by the noun **Praupathia** declined as an accusative singular.

3. **Hupomone** appears 34 times in the KJV where it is translated “patience” and “enduring.” Examples:

Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh **patience**;

Rom 5:4 And **patience**, experience; and experience, hope:

2Co 6:4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great **endurance**; in troubles, hardships and distresses;

2Co 6:5 in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger;

2Co 6:6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;

2Co 6:7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;

2Co 6:8 through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors;

2Co 6:9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed;

2Co 6:10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

2Th 3:5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the **patient** waiting for Christ.

4. **Praupathia** is a very difficult word to analyze. In several manuscripts it does not appear. I have selected the 25<sup>th</sup> addition of Nestle-Aland Greek Text where we do find **Praupathia** or one of its cognates. In our verse it is translated “meekness.”

5. Let’s see how this Greek noun is translated elsewhere:

Jam 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with **meekness** the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Jam 1:23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

Jam 1:24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Jam 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Jam 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the **humility** that comes from wisdom.

Jam 3:14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

Jam 3:15 Such wisdom does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.

Jam 3:16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Jam 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Jam 3:18 Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

Jam 4:1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

Jam 4:2 You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God.

Jam 4:3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Jam 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

1Pe 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with **gentleness** and respect,

1Pe 3:16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1Pe 3:17 It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

1Pe 3:19 through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison

1Pe 3:20 who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water,

1Pe 3:21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also -- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1Pe 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand -- with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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

## Expanded Translation

**1Tim 6:11 But you, man of God, avoid all these things, i.e., materialism lust. Strive for the process of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patient endurance, and gentleness.**

6. Now for Paul's admonishment to fight the good fight.

### KJV-New Sentence

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

### NIV

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT *Αγωνιζομαι ο καλος αγων*

1. **Agonizomai Ho Kalos Agon** is better translated "Now Timothy, it is important for you to fight the good fight as one competing before many witnesses ..."

2. **Agonizomai** is a verb parsed as a 2<sup>nd</sup> person singular, present active imperative followed by the monadic noun **Kalos** declined as an accusative singular and the noun **Agon** which is also declined as an accusative singular.

3. **Agonizomai** is where we get our word agonize. We also learned a pastor-teacher is to study and teach when it is convenient and inconvenient.

3.1 **Agonizomai** appears seven times in the New Testament where it is translated "strive, fight, would fight, have fought, laboring, laboring fervently" and "that striveth." Examples:

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