

1. Earlier on the 10th of June, I taught in part 1Ti 6:12. When the clock tolled noon we were exegeting the phrase “many witnesses.”
2. Before returning to that exegesis 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 6:9-11.

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.

1Ti 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.

4. Paul’s imperative for Timothy is to fight the good fight. I want to review some of that learned and then begin new material on page two.

5. So far, we have exegeted that portion of 1Ti 6:12 which in the KJV has been translated “**Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hath professed a good profession before ...**” noting it might better be rendered “Now Timothy, it is important for you to fight the good fight of faith and take possession of your eternal life for it was to this life that God called you. You have often provided a dedicated life of faith while firmly professing your faith before ...”

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

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.

7. Now for the phrase “many witnesses.”

MANY WITNESSES. πολυς μαρτυς.

1. **Polus Martus** is well translated “before many witnesses.”

2. **Polus** is an adverb/adjective followed by the noun **Martus** declined as a genitive plural.

3. **Polus** appears more than 500 times in the New Testament where it is variously translated “many, much, very much” or “bold.” Examples:

Rom 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one **many** be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto **many**.

Rom 12:4 Just as each of us has one body with **many** members, and these members do not all have the same functions.

1Co 11:30 For this cause **many** are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

1Co 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

1Co 11:33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

1Co 11:34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

2Co 3:7 Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was,

2Co 3:8 will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?

2Co 3:9 If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how **much** more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

2Co 3:10 For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.

2Co 3:11 And if what was fading away came with glory, how **much** greater is the glory of that which lasts!

2Co 3:12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are **very bold**.

2Co 3:13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away.

2Co 3:14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

2Co 3:15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.

2Co 3:16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Eph 2:4 But because of his **great** love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

Eph 2:5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions -- it is by grace you have been saved.

4. **Martus** appears more than 30 times where it is variously translated “witnesses, witness” or “record.” Examples:

Mat 8:16 When the even was come, they brought unto him **many** that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word and healed all that were sick:
Mat 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:39 And we are **witnesses** of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

Acts 10:40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

Acts 10:41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

Rom 1:9 For God is my **witness**, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

Rom 1:10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

Phi 1:8 For God is my **record**, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ.

Phi 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

Phi 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

Phi 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:12 Now Timothy, it is important for you to fight the good fight of faith and take possession of your eternal life for it was to this life that God called you. You have often provided a dedicated life of faith while firmly professing your faith before many witnesses.

6. Now for Paul's charge to Timothy. Verse thirteen begins a new sentence.

KJV

1Ti 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

NIV

1Ti 6:13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you;

I GIVE YOU CHARGE IN THE SIGHT Παραγγελλω ενωπιον

1. **Paraggello Eopion** is better translated “Now Timothy I command you before ...”

2. **Paraggello** is a verb parsed as a 1st person singular present active indicative followed by the preposition **Enopion** and the monadic noun **Theos** declined as a genitive singular.

3. **Paraggello** appears some 30 times in the New Testament where it is translated “to command, that I declare, mightest discharge, give in charge” and “charge.” Examples:

Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and **commanded** them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

Mat 10:6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Acts 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and **to command** them to keep the law of Moses.

Acts 15:6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

1Co 11:17 Now in this that **I declare** unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse.

1Co 11:18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

1Ti 1:3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou **mightest charge** some that they teach no other doctrine,

1Ti 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

1Ti 5:7 And these things give **in charge**, that they may be blameless.

1Ti 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

1Ti 6:17 **Charge them** that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

1Ti 6:18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

1Ti 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

4. **Enopion** appears more than 80 times where it is translated “before, sight, presence of” and in the sight of.” Examples:

Acts 10:30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood **before** me in bright clothing,

Acts 10:31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance **in the sight** of God.

Acts 10:32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

Acts 10:33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here **present** before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

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