

# I & II TIMOTHY



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**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.**

***Jeremiah 29:11-13***

# 1 Timothy

righteous but for lawbreakers  
rebels, the ungodly and  
unholy and irreligious  
who kill their fathers  
murderers, for

Chapter

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## *Honoring Masters*

**<sup>1</sup>All who are under the yoke as slaves should regard their own masters as worthy of all respect, so that God's name and his teaching will not be blasphemed.**

**<sup>2</sup>Let those who have believing masters not be disrespectful to them because they are brothers, but serve them even better, since those who benefit from their service are believers and dearly loved.**



## ***False Doctrine and Human Greed***

**Teach and encourage these things.**

**<sup>3</sup>If anyone teaches false doctrine and does not agree with the sound teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and with the teaching that promotes godliness,**

**4he is conceited and understands nothing, but has an unhealthy interest in disputes and arguments over words. From these come envy, quarreling, slander, evil suspicions,**



**<sup>5</sup>and constant disagreement among people whose minds are depraved and deprived of the truth, who imagine that godliness is a way to material gain.**

**<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out. <sup>8</sup>If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.**

**9But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction.**

**14For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.**

## ***Fight the Good Fight***

**11 But you, man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.**

**1<sup>2</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith.  
Take hold of eternal life to which  
you were called and about which  
you have made a good confession  
in the presence of many witnesses.**

**1<sup>3</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all, and of Christ Jesus, who gave a good confession before Pontius Pilate, I charge you 1<sup>4</sup>to keep this command without fault or failure until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



**1<sup>5</sup>God will bring this about in his own time. He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords,**

**1<sup>6</sup>who alone is immortal and who  
lives in unapproachable light,  
whom no one has seen or can see,  
to him be honor and eternal power.  
Amen.**

## ***Instructions to the Rich***

**17 Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy.**

**1<sup>8</sup>Instruct them to do what is good,  
to be rich in good works, to be  
generous and willing to share,  
1<sup>9</sup>storing up treasure for themselves  
as a good foundation for the  
coming age, so that they may take  
hold of what is truly life.**

## ***Guard the Heritage***

**20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding irreverent and empty speech and contradictions from what is falsely called knowledge.**

**21 By professing it, some people have departed from the faith.**

**Grace be with you all.**







# Honoring Masters

*verses 1-2*

**For the Church to have encouraged slaves to revolt against their masters would have been fatal. It would simply have caused civil war, mass murder, and the complete discredit of the Church. What happened was that as the centuries went on Christianity so permeated civilization that in the end the slaves were freed voluntarily and not by force. Here is a tremendous lesson. It is the proof that neither men nor the world nor society can be reformed by force and by legislation. The reform must come through the slow penetration of the Spirit of Christ into the human situation.**



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**What then is the duty of the Christian slave as the Pastorals see it? It is to be a good slave. If he is not, if he is slack and careless, if he is disobedient and insolent, he merely supplies the world with ammunition to criticize the Church. The Christian workman must commend his Christianity by being a better workman than other people. In particular, his work will be done in a new spirit. He will not now think of himself as being unwillingly compelled to work; he will think of himself as rendering service to his master, to God and to his fellow-men. His aim will be, not to see how little can be forced out of him, but how much he can willingly do.**



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**Does slavery still exist  
in the world today?**

**Today, 167 countries still have some form of modern slavery, which affects an estimated 46 million people worldwide.**

Forms of modern slavery include slavery by "ownership" ("chattel" slavery), government conscription (forced military service or government labor), forced prison labor, forced migrant labor, debt bondage (slavery until debts are paid), sexual slavery, forced marriage/child marriage, child labor, and forced begging. With the definition of modern slavery in mind, we can now move on to examining the statistics.

## **Top 10 Countries with the Highest Prevalence of Modern Slavery**

(by total number of slaves) - Global Slavery Index 2018:

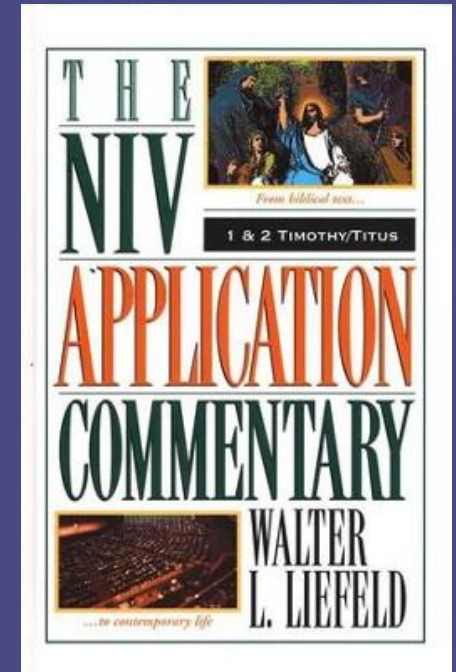
1. **India** - 7,989,000
2. **China** - 3,864,000
3. **North Korea** - 2,640,000
4. **Nigeria** - 1,386,000
5. **Iran** - 1,289,000
6. **Indonesia** - 1,220,000
7. **Congo (Democratic Republic of)** - 1,045,000
8. **Russia** - 794,000
9. **Philippines** - 784,000
10. **Afghanistan** - 749,000



# False Doctrine and Human Greed

*verses 3-10*

Timothy is facing an intellectual perversion here, shown in the persistent pursuit of details that do not edify but stir up controversy. These false teachers apparently have two wretched goals in their religious instruction : financial gain and sexual conquest.





**Here in this passage are set out the characteristics of the false teacher.**

**His first characteristic is conceit. His desire is not to display Christ, but to display himself. There are still preachers and teachers who are more concerned to gain a following for themselves than for Jesus Christ, more concerned to press their own views than to bring to men the word of God.**



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**There are times when reading scripture that a gem jumps out at you - here is one example**

**<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

**<sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.**



**Money is not the root of evil but of ALL kinds of evil**



**Some have wandered away from the faith by craving money**



# Fight the Good Fight

*verses 11-16*

**<sup>11</sup>But you, man of God, flee from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.**

The virtues and noble qualities set before Timothy are not just heaped haphazardly together. There is an order in them. First, there comes "**righteousness**," dikaiosune. This is defined as "giving both to men and to God their due." It is the most comprehensive of the virtues; the righteous man is he who does his duty to God and to his fellow-men.



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Second, there comes a group of three virtues which look towards God. **Godliness**, eusebeia, is the reverence of the man who never ceases to be aware that all life is lived in the presence of God. **Faith**, pistis, here means fidelity, and is the virtue of the man who, through all the chances and the changes of life, down even to the gates of death, is loyal to God. **Love**, agape, is the virtue of the man who, even if he tried, could not forget what God has done for him nor the love of God to men.



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Third, there comes the virtue which looks to the conduct of life. It is hupomone, The King James Version translates this **patience**; but hupomone never means the spirit which sits with folded hands and simply bears things, letting the experiences of life flow like a tide over it. It is victorious endurance. "It is unswerving constancy to faith and piety in spite of adversity and suffering." It is the virtue which does not so much accept the experiences of life as conquers them.



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Fourthly, there comes the virtue which looks to men. The Greek word is paupatheia. It is translated **gentleness** but is really untranslatable. It describes the spirit which never blazes into anger for its own wrongs but can be devastatingly angry for the wrongs of others. It describes the spirit which knows how to forgive and yet knows how to wage the battle of righteousness. It describes the spirit which walks at once in humility and yet in pride of its high calling from God. It describes the virtue by which at all times a man is enabled rightly to treat his fellow-men and rightly to regard himself.



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# Instructions to the Rich

*verses 17-19*

**Could Paul be  
talking to us?**



Ranked 9th richest  
in the world  
GNI per person:  
\$70,930



Ranked 47th  
richest in  
the US  
\$51,793

## 10 poorest countries in the world

Lesotho - 1370  
Columbia - 6160  
South Africa - 6440  
Eritrea - 581  
Madagascar - 500  
Benin - 1370  
Guinea - 1010  
Zimbabwe - 1400  
Mali - 870  
Rwanda - 850

**\$1.25 a day is the standard rate for the international poverty level**

**The teaching of the Christian ethic is, not that wealth is a sin, but that it is a very great responsibility. If a man's wealth ministers to nothing but his own pride and enriches no one but himself, it becomes his ruination, because it impoverishes his soul. But if he uses it to bring help and comfort to others, in becoming poorer, he really becomes richer. In time and in eternity "it is more blessed to give than to receive."**



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# Guard the Heritage

*verses 20-21*



**avoid irreverent and empty speech and contradictions from what is falsely called knowledge.**



**A man does well to remember that his duty is not only to himself, but also to his children and his children's children. If in our day the Church were to become enfeebled; if the Christian ethic were to be more and more submerged in the world; if the Christian faith were to be twisted and distorted; it would not only be we who were the losers, those of generations still to come would be robbed of something infinitely precious. We are not only the possessors but also the trustees of the faith. That which we have received, we must also hand on.**

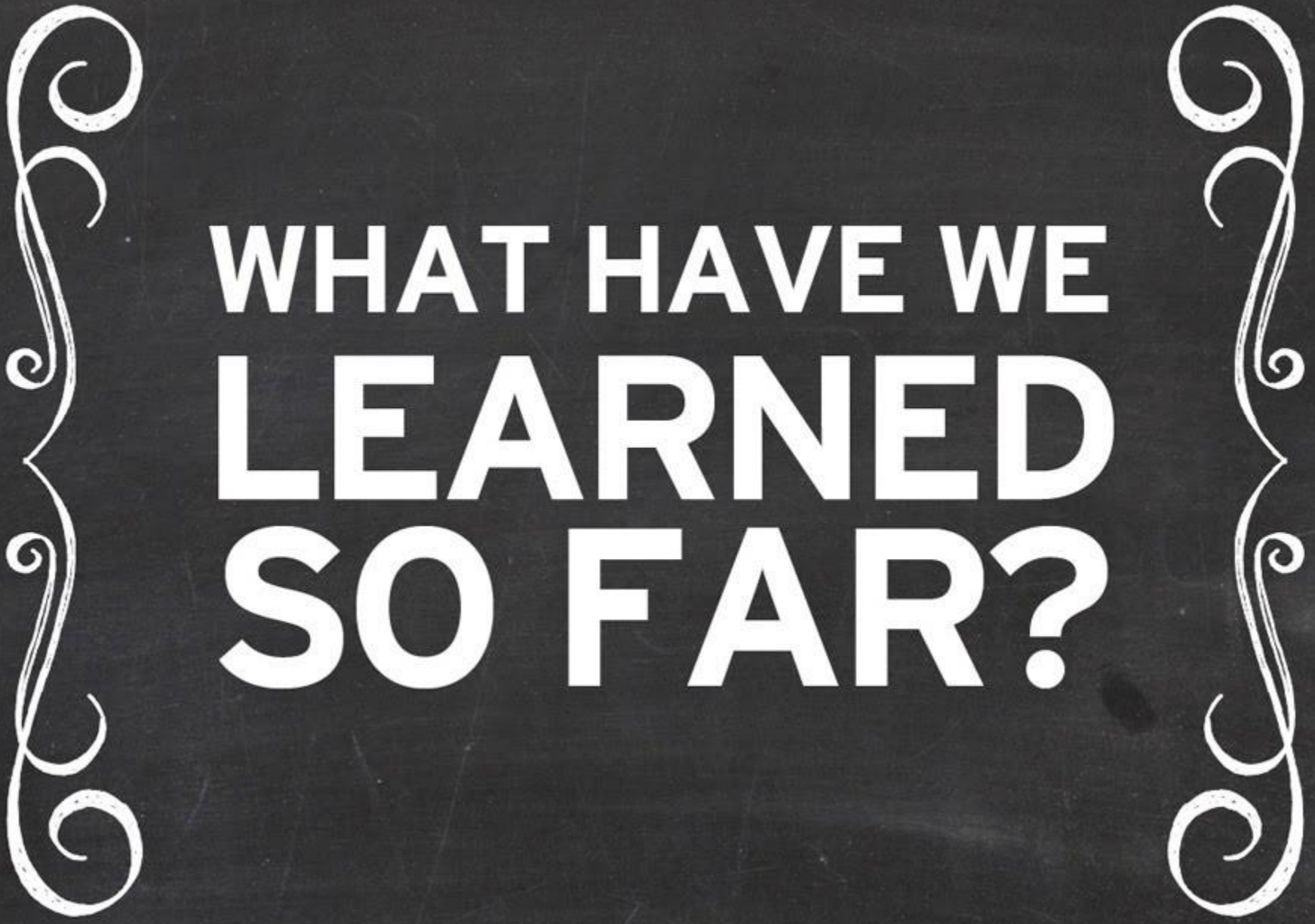


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Remember to love one another  
And do what is pleasing to Him  
Be strengthened by grace  
And worship in reverence and awe  
The God of peace



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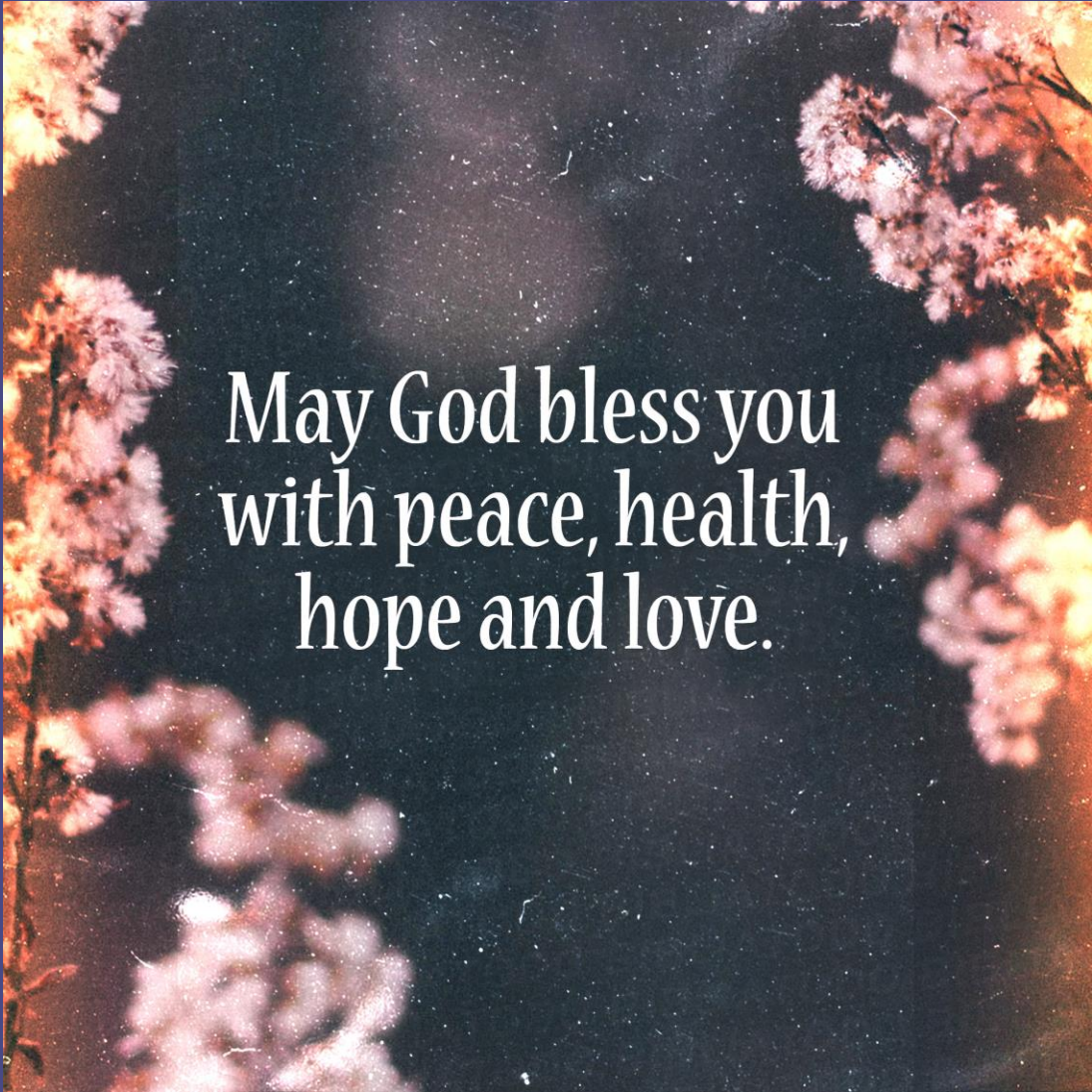


**WHAT HAVE WE  
LEARNED  
SO FAR?**

**Questions or  
comments?**







May God bless you  
with peace, health,  
hope and love.