

SERMON NOTES

THE GOSPEL AND SLAVERY

1 Timothy 6:1-2



BIG IDEA: The gospel frees us to live under broken systems of authority in a way that preserves our Christian witness and promotes brotherly love.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Have you ever pondered over the Bible's stance on slavery? What are your thoughts on the criticisms it has faced? What concerns or questions does this topic raise for you?

How was the American slave trade different from the slavery described in Old Testament Israel and New Testament Rome?

What is the difference between regulating a less-than-ideal situation, such as slavery, and condoning it? (Also, think of God's instructions concerning divorce.)

What are Paul's primary motivations in instructing slaves according to 1 Timothy 6:1-2?

APPLY

How does an understanding of slavery help you appreciate what Jesus did for us (cf. Philippians 2:7; John 13:4-5; Mark 10:45)?

In what specific ways can you show respect to both non-believing and believing authorities in your life this week? For example, your employer, teacher, parent, or government?

COMMIT

Everyone is either a slave of sin and Satan or a slave of Christ. Who will you serve? Consider what makes being a slave of Christ worth it in the end.