

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Truth or Consequences **I Timothy 6:1-10**

From leaders to servants (slaves)

Vs. 1 – Slaves & Masters

Slaves – Powerless to walk away, owned by another human being, no say whether we live or die – or what we do with our lives, required to work for someone else’s benefit.

*Our culture knows **NOTHING** of this!*

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*Attitude (**heart**) toward their **owners***

*“Worthy of all honor” – **REALLY?***

*Worthy **in God’s eyes**, according to **His standards**, because we are **submitted to Him first** and everyone else **as He directs**.*

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Why?

*Who **He is known** to be because of **how we treat other people***

*Harriet Beecher Stowe & **Uncle Tom***

*That **His name** and teaching not be reviled (shamed, slandered)*

*That we not represent Him **as disobedient rebels***

*When **we take His name** without being submitted to **His standards and values**, we misrepresent Him and lead people **away from Him, NOT** to Him.*

*We can’t **Follow Jesus** while being **unlike Him***

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Vs. 2 – Even believing masters

Colossians 3:23-24 – Serving **Christ**, not people – in **EVERYTHING**.

We’re not authorized to decide what they owe us...

*Rather, what **we owe Christ**, and them in His behalf. (**Romans 13:8**)*

*“Serve all the better” – Not envious or disgruntled, but **as God loves them***

*They are members of **Christ’s body with us**, and Jesus is our head*

“Teach and urge these things.”

Teaching what we don’t live is hypocrisy

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Vs. 3 – If anyone teaches contrary to Christ...

This not a cafeteria, picking and choosing what we will or will not take for our nourishment.

*Such people are **Vs. 4-5***

Self-directed, ignorant, divisive (**God Hates!**),
slanderous, evil, depraved and without the truth.

Who wants to I.D.'d by God as that?

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Vs. 6 – Content in the **“Peace”** of Christ, trusting
Him

Matthew 6:19-21 – Storing treasures in heaven

Contentment = Not lusting for more

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Vs. 7 – We brought nothing of value (**I Corinthians
4:7**)

ONLY what we receive **from Him** has eternal value

Vs. 8 – Enjoy basic provision with thanksgiving

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Vs. 9 – The **“desire to be rich”**

More is **never enough!**

Leads to **“ruin and destruction”**

Really? **How?**

The absence of the **life of “Peace”** Jesus gives us.

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Vs. 10 – **“A root of all kinds of evils.”**

It **deprives us** of the fulfilment **ONLY Life in Christ**
provides.

“Some have wandered away from the faith”

Because the faith does not meet the **demands they**
have embraced as essential to their own happiness.

“Pierced themselves with many pangs.”

They live **from one dissatisfaction to the next.**

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Next Week: **“The Good Fight of Faith”**