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House Rules for God's Church
"...how one ought to behave in the household of God..."
1 Timothy 3:15

I. The Background

II. The Purpose

"I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth."
1 Timothy 3:14,15

III. The Greeting **1:1,2**

- A. The authority of Paul
- B. The certification of Timothy
- C. The triple blessing:
 - 1. grace
 - 2. mercy
 - 3. peace

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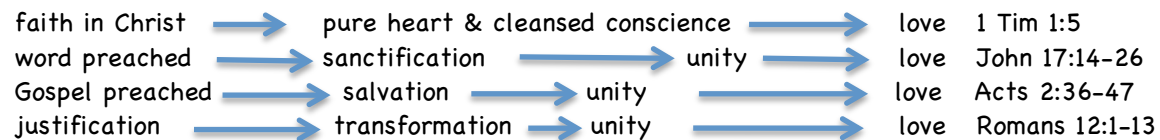
Rule #1 No False Doctrine 1:3-7

I. The Problem at Ephesus 3,4

- A. False teachers
- B. False teaching

II. The Purpose of Paul 5

- A. A love produced by Christ
- B. A pure heart and a good conscience
- C. A sincere faith



III. The Product of their error 6,7

- A. They have no doctrinal anchor (foundation)
- B. They are led away (passively) into false doctrine
- C. They have false ambitions
- D. They have no understanding

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Rule #2 Use the Law Properly 1:8-11

- I. The Law is Good**, if it is used _____. 8
"...the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good." Romans 7:12
- II. The Law Was Not Given** for the _____. 9a
- III. The Law Was Given:**
- A. to restrain _____. 9b-10
 - B. to reveal the _____ of God. Leviticus 20:7,8
 - C. to generate an awareness of our _____ Rom. 3:19-20
 - D. to produce a sense of our _____
 - E. to stir up more sin _____ us Rom. 5:20
 - F. to show us that the source of sin is _____ Rom. 7:7-25
 - G. and that sin _____ us
 - H. and to show us the _____ of sin
 - I. to be our temporary _____ Gal. 3:19-26
 - J. to lead us to _____ in Christ

The Law: *a restraining use.....a condemning use.....a sanctifying use*

- IV. The Law Can't Do What the Gospel Can Do.**
- A. The gospel is _____ (healthy) doctrine. 10b
 - B. The gospel _____ God. 11
 - C. The gospel is _____ God.
 - D. The gospel is our sacred _____. 11b

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Rule #3 Thank God for Salvation 1:12-17

I. God's Grace Generates Gratitude 12-14

- A. It is through Christ.
- B. It is personal.
- C. It is unlimited.

II. God's Grace Can Save the Worst 15,16

- A. It is Christ's mission.
- B. It can save the "foremost".
- C. It is an example.

III. God's Grace Glorifies the King 17

- A. He is the only God.
- B. He deserves all honor.
- C. He deserves it forever.

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Rule #4 Wage the Good Warfare 1:18-20

I. Our War 18

A. We have our enemies: Ephesians 2:1-3

 The _____system

 The _____

 The _____

B. We have our mission

 It is a _____

 It is a sacred _____

 It is from _____

 It is _____

II. Our Weapons 19a

A. They are _____
 and a good _____

B. They are not of the flesh 2 Corinthians 10:1-5

C. They are spiritual Ephesians 6:10-20

III. Our Warning 19b-20

A. The problem: rejection

B. The penalty: *"shipwreck"* & excommunication

C. The purpose: redemptive

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Passages dealing with "...the faith"

πίστις occurs 244 X in the NT, the references below speak of the content of our faith, the gospel, the Word of God, doctrine, the truth.

"when it relates to God, πίστις is the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ", Thayer

Lk 18:8	will Jesus find the faith upon the earth when He returns
Acts 6:7	obedient to the faith
Acts 13:8	seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith
Acts 14:22	encouraging them to continue in the faith
Acts 16:5	strengthened in the faith
Rom 10:8	the word of faith we preach
1 Cor 16:13	stand firm in the faith
2 Cor 13:5	test yourselves to see if you are in the faith
Gal 1:23	preaching the faith he once tried to destroy
Gal 3:23	before the faith came we were under the law
Gal 6:10	especially the household of the faith
Eph 4:5	only one faith
Eph 4:13	the unity of the faith
Eph 4:23	until we all attain to the unity of the faith
Phil 1:27	striving side by side for the faith of the gospel
Col 1:23	if indeed you continue in the faith
Col 2:7	established in the faith
1 Tim 1:2	my true child in the faith
1 Timothy 1:19	holding faithshipwreck of their (the) faith
1 Tim 3:9	hold the mystery of the faith
1 Tim 4:1	some will depart from the faith
1 Tim 4:6	being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine
1 Tim 6:10	wandered away from the faith
1 Tim 6:20, 21	gone astray from the faith
2 Tim 3:8	disqualified regarding the faith
2 Tim 4:7	I have kept the faith
Tit 1:4	my true child in a common faith
Tit 1:13	reprove them that they may be sound in the faith
Tit 3:15	who love us in the faith
Jude 3	contend for the faith
Jude 20	building yourselves up in your most holy faith

Pastoral letters

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Rule #5 *Pray for All Kinds of People* 2:1-7

I. The Priority of Prayer 1,2a

- A. Pray first of all
- B. Pray all kinds of prayer
- C. Pray for all kinds of people

II. The Purpose of Prayer 2b-6

- A. Pray because it advances God's purposes
- B. Pray because it pleases God
- C. Pray because it is God's will

III. The Apostolic Mission of Prayer 7

- A. Pray for Paul's mission
- B. Pray for Paul's target: *the Gentiles, the world, all the nations...*

“...in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
Genesis 12:3

{cf: ch. 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Jer. 4:2; Acts 3:25; Gal. 3:16; Cited Gal. 3:8}

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Rule #6 Honor God's Created Order 2:8-15

- I. God created a new entity: his body, the church**
 (“The Birth of the Church...” notes)
- II. God created the men of the church to be holy 1 Timothy 2:8**
 - A. Men are to pray (worship, lead) with holiness
 - B. Men are not to pray (worship, lead) with *anger* or *quarreling*
 - C. It's not about the posture (the external); it's about holiness (the internal)
- III. God created the women of the church to be holy 9,10**
 - A. Women are to dress (adorn themselves) with holiness
 - B. Women are not to dress (adorn themselves) with unholy apparel
 - C. It's not about styles (the external); it's about holiness (the internal)
- IV. God created the roles for service in His church 11-15**
 - A. Women are to be learners along with the men
 - B. Women are not to be pastor/teachers (elders)
 - 1. God formed Adam first, then Eve (created order)Two reasons:
 - 2. Eve was deceived; Adam **knowingly** transgressed
 - C. Women and men are both saved by the grace of God through faith in Christ. That faith is demonstrated by their willing obedience to their God-created roles. *Child bearing* is used by Paul to represent all facets of a woman's God ordained role as a woman created in the image of God, and her salvation is validated by her perseverance in “...faith and love and holiness, with self-control.”

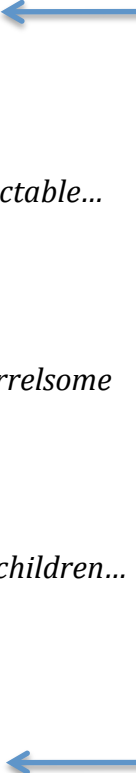
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Rule #7 Select Qualified Elders 3:1-7

I. The Office 1

- A. It is to be desired
- B. It is a good work
- C. It is God's design: *a plurality of Godly men*

II. The Qualifications 2-7

- A. His reputation in the church *...above reproach...*
 - B. His marriage as a measure *...a one woman man...*
 - C. His mastery of self *...sober-minded, self controlled, respectable...*
 - D. His ministry to others *...hospitable, able to teach...*
 - E. His temperament *... not a drunkard, not violent, gentle, not quarrelsome*
 - F. His money *...not a lover of ...*
 - G. His household management *...well, with dignity...submissive children...*
 - H. His spiritual maturity *...not a new Christian...*
 - I. His reputation outside the church *...above reproach... (disgrace)*
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Rule #8 *Select Qualified Deacons* 3:8-13

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Rule #9 Learn and Live the House Rules 3:14-16

I. The Church's Mandate 14-15a

- A. Paul's hope
- B. Paul's purpose
- C. Paul's mandate

II. The Church's Mission 15b

- A. The church belongs to God
- B. The church must protect God's Word

III. The Church's Message 16

Jesus Christ was:

- A. *manifested in the flesh*
- B. *vindicated by the Spirit*
- C. *seen by angels*
- D. *proclaimed among the nations*
- E. *believed on in the world*
- F. *taken up in glory*

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House Rule #10 Beware of Apostasy 4:1-5



*"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing
but inwardly are ravenous wolves."*

Jesus, Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 7:15

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A brief study of apostasy

The Greek verb ἀφίστημι (*to depart or fall away*) occurs 15X in the New Testament.

The Greek noun ἀποστασία (*a falling away or rebellion*) occurs twice in the New Testament.

Acts 21:21 *"...and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to **forsake** Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs".*

2 Thessalonians 2:3 *"...for it will not come (the Day of the Lord is not present) unless **the apostasy** comes first..."*

The concept of apostasy can be seen in many passages of Scripture.

Jer 5:30,31 Ex 32:1-6 2 Peter 2:20-22 John 6:66 Romans 1:18-32 2 Timothy 4:3,4

A working definition:

"It is the abandoning of truth. It is not to be confused with mere indifference to the Word, for it involves an intellectual acceptance of the Scriptures. Neither is apostasy to be confused with error. It is not necessarily believing false doctrine. An apostate can acknowledge that certain doctrines are true, but fail to believe them in his heart. An apostate can acknowledge Christ without accepting Him. On the other hand, a true Christian could fall into doctrinal error, but that's not apostasy. Apostates have received light, but not life. They have known and accepted the written Word, but have never met Christ, the living Word." (*Beware the Pretenders, John MacArthur[Panorama City : Word of Grace Communications, 1985], p.18*).

Stripping off the sheepskin:

Scottish commentator William Barclay (1907-1978) comments on the perverted lives of apostates in his commentary on Jude:

"The *aselges* is the man who is so lost to honour, to decency, and to shame that he does not care who sees his sin and his immorality. It is not that he arrogantly and proudly flaunts it; it is simply that he can publicly do the most shameless things, because he has ceased to care for shame and decency at all. These men were undoubtedly tinged with Gnosticism. Gnosticism was that line of thought which set out the idea that only spirit is good, and that matter is essentially evil. If that be so, it means that the body is essentially evil. And if that be so, it does not matter what a man does with his body; since it is evil, its lusts and its desires can be sated and glutted, because it is of no importance to what is done with the body."

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2 Peter 2

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

Jude



3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

17 But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18 that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."

In verses 20-22 Peter's description of an apostate is classic and describes Judas and all who are like him. The **downhill progression** should serve as a warning to our generation also:

	REVELATION _____	
	RESCUE _____	
	REJECTION _____	
	RETURN _____	
	REJECTION _____	

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Question: "How can I recognize a false teacher / false prophet?"

Answer: Jesus warned us that "false Christs and false prophets" will come and will attempt to deceive even God's elect ([Matthew 24:23-27](#); see also [2 Peter 3:3](#) and [Jude 17-18](#)). The best way to guard yourself against falsehood and false teachers is to know the truth. To spot a counterfeit, study the real thing. Any believer who "correctly handles the word of truth" ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)) and who makes a careful study of the Bible can identify false doctrine. For example, a believer who has read the activities of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in [Matthew 3:16-17](#) will immediately question any doctrine that denies the Trinity. Therefore, step one is to study the Bible and judge all teaching by what the Scripture says.

Jesus said "a tree is recognized by its fruit" ([Matthew 12:33](#)). When looking for "fruit," here are three specific tests to apply to any teacher to determine the accuracy of his or her teaching:

1) What does this teacher say about Jesus? In [Matthew 16:15-16](#), Jesus asks, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," and for this answer Peter is called "blessed." In [2 John 9](#), we read, "Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son." In other words, Jesus Christ and His work of redemption is of utmost importance; beware of anyone who denies that Jesus is equal with God, who downplays Jesus' sacrificial death, or who rejects Jesus' humanity. [First John 2:22](#) says, "Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son."

2) Does this teacher preach the gospel? The gospel is defined as the good news concerning Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, according to the Scriptures ([1 Corinthians 15:1-4](#)). As nice as they sound, the statements "God loves you," "God wants us to feed the hungry," and "God wants you to be wealthy" are not the complete message of the gospel. As Paul warns in [Galatians 1:7](#), "Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ." No one, not even a great preacher, has the right to change the message that God gave us. "If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!" ([Galatians 1:9](#)).

3) Does this teacher exhibit character qualities that glorify the Lord? Speaking of false teachers, [Jude 11](#) says, "They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion." In other words, a false teacher can be known by his pride (Cain's rejection of God's plan), greed (Balaam's prophesying for money), and rebellion (Korah's promotion of himself over Moses). Jesus said to beware of such people and that we would know them by their fruits ([Matthew 7:15-20](#)).

For further study, review those books of the Bible that were written specifically to combat false teaching within the church: Galatians, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, and Jude. It is often difficult to spot a false teacher/false prophet. Satan masquerades as an angel of light ([2 Corinthians 11:14](#)), and his ministers masquerade as servants of righteousness ([2 Corinthians 11:15](#)). Only by being thoroughly familiar with the truth will we be able to recognize a counterfeit.

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Rule #10 Beware of Apostasy 4:1-5

I. The Certainty of Apostasy 1a

They will depart from _____

II. The Source of Apostasy 1b

*They devote themselves to deceitful _____,
and the teachings (doctrines) of _____.*

III. The Slavery of Apostasy 2

They are insincere so they _____

Because they have _____ consciences. καυτηριάζω : to sear

IV. The Slander of Apostasy 3

They forbid _____

They require abstinence from _____

V. The Solution to Apostasy 4,5

God's _____

God's word _____

*"And God saw everything that he had made,
and behold, it was very good..."*
Genesis 1:31

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Rule #11 Keep Your Hope Set On God 4:6-10

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|-------------|---|-------------|
| I. | Keep training the people
<i>these things...</i>
<i>a good servant...</i> | 6a |
| II. | Keep training yourself
<i>in the faith...</i>
<i>in good doctrine...</i> | 6b |
| III. | Keep away from myths
<i>they are irreverent...</i>
<i>they are silly...</i> | 7a |
| IV. | Keep pursuing godliness
<i>physical training is temporary</i>
<i>spiritual training is eternal</i> | 7b-9 |
| V. | Keep your hope set on God
<i>He's the living God who saves</i>
<i>all kinds of people...</i>
<i>that is, believers...</i> | 10 |

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Rule #12 **Be Devoted to Scripture** **4:11-16**

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|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| I. | Scripture is authoritative | 11,12 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>command it</i>• <i>teach it</i>• <i>live it</i> | |
|
II. |
Scripture is to be proclaimed |
13,14 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>read it</i>• <i>explain it</i>• <i>apply it</i> | |
|
III. |
Scripture is to be practiced |
15-16a |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>focus on your life</i>• <i>focus on your teaching</i> | |
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IV. |
Scripture will lead to salvation |
16b |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>for yourself</i>• <i>for your hearers</i> | |

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Rule #13 Confront Sin in Love 5:1,2

Two commands...four groups of people

I. The “how”

- A. Do not confront with _____ ἐπιπλήξης, (epiplaxis), (occurs only here in the NT)

Strong's Greek: 1969. ἐπιπλήσσω (epipléssó) -- to strike at, to rebuke (with words)

ἐλέγχω -to convict, “reprove or rebuke” 1 Tim 5:20; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 1:9,13; Hebrews 12:5(Prov. 3:12); Rev. 3:19

“...to show someone his sin and to summon him to repentance. The word does not mean only ‘to blame’ or ‘to reprove’ nor ‘to convince’ in the sense of proof, nor ‘to reveal’ or ‘expose’, but to ‘set right’, namely, ‘to point away from sin to repentance.’ It implies **educative discipline**.” T.D.N.T ed. Kittle, vol. II, p. 474.

- B. But confront with _____ παρακαλέω, to call along side (109x in the NT)

Strong's Greek: 3870. παρακαλέω (parakaleó) -- to call to or for, to exhort, to encourage

“To call to one’s side to speak to produce a particular effect.”

appeal, exhort, warn, comfort, persuade, cheer, help, rebuke, encourage, ask, beseech

“I **appeal** to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of god, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice...”
Romans 12:1 ESV

II. The “who”

- A. Confront (encourage) older men as _____

- B. Confront (encourage) younger men as _____

- C. Confront (encourage) older women as _____

- D. Confront (encourage) younger women as _____ “...in all purity.”

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Rule #14 **Teach the Care of Widows** **5:3-8**

I. True widows must be honored by the church **3,4**

They are to be honored with respect

They are to be honored with support

"But..."

II. True widows are godly women **5,6**

They are alone

They are hoping in God

They have an active prayer life

"But..."

III. True widows should be without reproach **7,8**

"But..."

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Rule #15 Teach Widows to Take Care 5:9-16

I. Widows to enroll on the list 9,10

- A. They are truly widows (v.5)
- B. They are at least sixty
- C. They were faithful to their husbands
- D. They are known for good works:
 - *has brought up children*
 - *has shown hospitality to strangers*
 - *has washed the saints' feet*
 - *has cared for the afflicted*
 - *has devoted herself to every good work*

"But..."

II. Widows not to enroll on the list 11-15

- A. They are younger
- B. They may abandon their faith (pledge)
- C. They may live "idle" lives
- D. They should remarry
- E. They will then follow Christ, not Satan

III. Widows are to be cared for 16

- A. Their women relatives are to care for them
- B. The church is to care for *"...those who are truly widows."*

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Rule #16 Be Careful With Elders 5:17-25

I. Be careful to honor them 17,18

- A. Who rule well
- B. Who labor in the Word

II. Be careful with charges against them 19

- A. They are "above reproach" (3:2)
- B. Two or more witnesses are required

III. Be careful when disciplining them 20,21

- A. Rebuke unrepentant sin
- B. Keep these rules without partiality

IV. Be careful when appointing them 22-25

- A. Take time or you may share in their sin
- B. Time reveals true character, good or bad

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Rule #17 **Serve Others With God in Mind** **6:1-2a**

I. The Command: Regard your masters worthy of _____. **1a**

A. You are a _____

B. Your master is _____

II. The Reason: The _____ of God is at stake. **1b**

A. The _____ of God may be blasphemed.

B. The _____ of God may be blasphemed.

III. The Commands: **2a**

A. Don't _____ them at all.

"...but..." B. _____ them better.

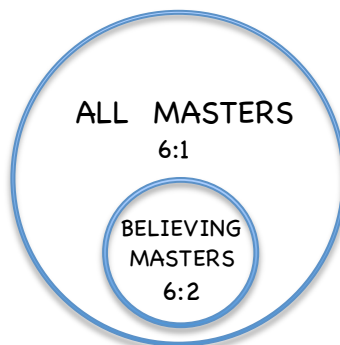
IV. The Reasons: **2b**

A. They are _____.

B. They are _____.

C. They _____.

"Teach and urge these things." **2c**



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Titus
Apostolic Wisdom for a Life of Good Works

Week 7 The Teaching of Slaves

2:9,10

As Paul continues to instruct Titus in how he should disciple the believers on Crete he deals with a new category of Christian. He has moved from the priority of elders or pastors (1:1-16) to various gender and age groups (2:1-6), to Titus himself (1:7,8) and now to slaves, a social category. What might seem lacking to contemporary readers in this passage, considering the current evangelical preoccupation with “social justice”, liberation theology, racial issues, etc., is any judgment by Paul on the morality of the institution. That is not his priority. His concern is that all believers in Jesus Christ be grounded in pure doctrine **and** that their lives would be lived in obedience to that teaching. This is how the Gospel will move forward in the world and how God is glorified through it. In spite of the historical or cultural connotations the best English rendering for the Greek word δοῦλος is **slave**. (Cf. page 47)

A. Slaves are to be:

- *submissive to their own masters in everything..*
describes wives in v.5 to their own _____
describes all believers to _____ & _____
- *well pleasing* an adjective always used in reference to what is pleasing to _____
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 not argumentative used in 1:9 of false teachers
 not pilfering like Onesimus the slave apparently did (Cf. Philemon)
 showing all good faith or *showing yourself completely faithful in goodness*

B. The purpose is to *adorn the doctrine of God our Savior*.

Once again Paul shows his deep concern that no matter what their gender, age or station in life, all believers must display lives consistent with all that is revealed in Scripture.

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Romans 6:17,18

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Questions to Consider

1. With *critical race theory, racial reconciliation, reparations, social justice, etc.* as hot issues in our culture and evangelicalism (*Big Eva*) today, how are Christians to sort through all the issues (and emotions) and know the will of God so we can obey Him?

2. To build a more fully orbed Scriptural foundation for our thinking on *slavery* read Romans chapter 6; 1 Corinthians 7:17-24; Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-25; 4:1; 1 Timothy 6:1,2; and Philemon.

(I know, I know, but it only takes about 11 minutes to read.....I timed it)

Note your observations and share with the class.

3. How is Paul's command to slaves in 2:9a “conditioned” by his self-identification in 1:1a? What is the first word he uses to label himself.....even before identifying as “...an apostle of Jesus Christ...”? _____

4. What would be the consequences for failure to obey Paul's command in 2:9-10?

- To the *doctrine of God our Savior*? _____
- To the testimony and outreach of the church? _____

What are the consequences for us on our “*island*” of service if we fail in these areas?

5. Many of those today that are the loudest voices for repenting of and for making “*reparations*” for the past sin of American slavery are themselves enslaved to a powerful, vicious *Master* called _____.

And from Paul's perspective in Ephesians 2:1ff they are enslaved to and happily serving three forces:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:3-8

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Rule #18 Teach and Live Healthy Doctrine 6:2c-10

I. False teachers communicate their spiritual “disease” 3

- A. Their teaching is_____.
- B. Their teaching is_____.
- C. Their teaching is_____.

II. False teachers have a spiritual “heart condition” 4a

- A. They are_____.
- B. They understand_____.
- C. They are addicted to_____.

III. False teachers cause spiritual “toxicity” in others 4b-5a

The symptoms: *envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, constant friction*

IV. False teachers and their victims have no spiritual “immunity” 5b

- A. They are depraved in_____.
- B. They are deprived of_____.
- C. They **imagine** their “godliness” will make them **\$\$\$.**

V. False teachers and their followers are destroyed by their “disease” 6-10

- A. They are not really_____.
- B. They don't have_____.
- C. They have: *desire, lusts, love of money.*
- D. They suffer spiritual_____.

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A brief word study:

ὕγιαίνω *to be sound, in good health, metaph. of one whose Christian opinions are free from an admixture of error, true and incorrupt doctrine (Thayer)*

transliterated into English:

hygiene *"the practice or principles of keeping yourself and your environment clean in order to maintain health and prevent disease." (Cambridge English Dictionary)*

Of the 12 occurrences of this word in the New Testament 8 are found in Paul's pastoral letters

(from LSB)

- Luke 5:31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "*It is not those who are **well** who need a physician, but those who are sick.*
- Luke 7:10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good **health**.
- Luke 15:27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and **sound**.' (*being healthy*)

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- 1 Tim 1:10 ... and whatever else is contrary to **sound** teaching,
- 1 Tim 6:3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with **sound** words—those of our Lord Jesus Christ—and with the doctrine conforming to godliness,
- 2 Tim 1:13 Hold to the standard of **sound** words which you have heard from me,
- 2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure **sound** doctrine,
- Titus 1:9 so that he will be able both to exhort in **sound** doctrine and to reprove those who contradict.
- Titus 1:13 reprove them severely so that they may be **sound** in the faith,
- Titus 2:1,2 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for **sound** doctrine. Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, **sound** in faith, in love, in perseverance.
- 3 John 1:2 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth. Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good **health**, just as your soul prospers.

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Rule #19 Fight the Good Fight God's Way **6:11-16**

- I. We must _____** **11a**
"...these things..."
- II. We must _____** **11b**
"...righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness."
- III. We must _____** **12a**
A. It's a good fight
B. It's a fight of the faith
- IV. We must _____** **12b**
A. We have eternal life
B. We were called to eternal life
C. We made the good confession
- V. We must _____ the commandment** **13-15a**
A. Keep it unstained
B. Keep it free from reproach
C. Keep it until Christ returns
- VI. We must remember who our God is** **15b-16**
A. He is the author and sustainer of life (v.13)
B. He is coming back (vv. 14,15)
C. He is the blessed and only Sovereign
D. He is the King of the reigning ones
E. He is the Lord of the ruling ones
F. He is the only one with immortality
G. He is the one whom no one has seen or can see
H. He is worthy of eternal honor and dominion

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Rule #20 Be Rich.....in Good Works **6:17-19**

"...nor to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches..."

I. When we set our hope on riches:

- A. our focus is on the present
- B. our funding is selfish
- C. our foundation is shaky

"...but ...(to set their hope) on God..."

II. When we set our hope on God:

- A. our focus is also on the future
- B. our funding will include others
- C. our foundation is solid.

Rich believers should not set their hope on uncertain *riches*, but on our God who *richly* gives us all things and motivates and enables us to be *rich* in good works.

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though being rich,
yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.*
2 Corinthians 8:9 LSB

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Rule #21 Guard the Sacred Trust 6:20,21

I. We must guard the good deposit 20a

- A. It is a sacred trust
- B. It is apostolic teaching, "the faith"
- C. It is our individual spiritual lives

II. We must avoid the false teaching 20b-21a

- A. It is *"...irreverent babble and contradictions..."*
- B. It is false "knowledge"
- C. It will wreck your spiritual life

III. We must rely on the grace of God 21b

- A. It is God's unmerited favor through Christ
- B. It is our strength and enablement
- C. It is with us always

You therefore, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses,
entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:1,2 LSB