

Recap of 8/26/18 (1 Timothy 6:1-5)

1. When we become believers in Jesus Christ our hearts should change, as we are being renewed, transformed, by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. Our attitudes should change toward our circumstances in life, toward our responsibilities, and our relationships, and especially toward our work.

-“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” (Colossians 3:23,24)

-““Whatever role God gives us in life provides some opportunity to do others good. You and I need to adopt this biblical perspective in all that we do. Are you an employee? Then, work hard to make your employer a profit. Are you an employer? Then make sure you pay your workers a fair wage, and that you have a real concern for each one’s welfare. When we see each relationship as a God-given opportunity to minister, all of our relationships with others will be fulfilling. And we will glorify God in them.” (Richards)

-“When we’re in relationship with Jesus, any job we have to do gives us an opportunity to reflect His presence in our lives. No task is too small...or too big! Tackling our responsibilities whatever they may be—with joy, creativity, and excellence gives us an opportunity to influence those around us, no matter our job.” (Adam Holz)

2. In 1 Timothy 6:2, Paul once again mentions the importance of teaching. In this little book of six chapters, Paul mentions teaching thirteen times. They can be summarized this way:

-Paul calls for teaching sound doctrine to believers.

-He calls for opposing false doctrines and false teachers.

-He calls for the church to follow sound doctrine, so that God and the teaching of the church may not be slandered.

-It is necessary for Elders and Pastors of the church to teach the church the Word. A qualification of Elders was that they be able to teach and teachable (sharing the gospel, refuting error).

-there is an acknowledgment that some within the church will abandon sound teaching.