

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 17—1 Timothy 6:1, 2—The Proper Disposition for your Position!

1. (a) Read 1 Timothy 6:1, 2 along with Ephesians 6:5-9; and Colossians 3:22-25; Titus 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 2:18-20. What are the responsibilities of the slaves according to these verses and what are the responsibilities of the masters?
(b) Why do you think more space is given to the role of the slave than the role of the master?

2. Memorize either 1 Timothy 6:1 or 6:2.

3. Read Genesis 24 and answer the following questions. (a) What did Abraham ask his servant to do? (b) Did the servant obey him? (c) What attitudes did the servant have as he carried out this task? (d) In what ways does this story go along with what Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:2?

4. (a) The book of Philemon was written by Paul to encourage Philemon in forgiving his runaway slave, Onesimus. As you read Philemon what do you glean regarding Onesimus and his failure to be a good slave? (b) How does Paul encourage Philemon in forgiving Onesimus? (c) What encouragement does this offer you for times when those who are under your authority don't obey you? (d) How do you think a Christian employer should handle a disobedient employee?

5. (a) How do you encourage yourself to have a proper attitude when you are working? (Regardless of whether you work in the home or outside of the home.)
(b) What tasks do you find especially difficult and what do you do to make them more enjoyable?

6. (a) How would you use these passages we have looked at to encourage your husband, yourself or others who are having difficulty having a good attitude about their job? (b) How have you trained your children to work with a proper attitude?

7. After you prayerfully evaluate question 5 write down a prayer request to share with your group.