

1 Timothy 6:1-2

Honouring Employers

Serving any Employer (v. 1)

- Faith Requires Honour (v. 1a)

- Honour Reveals Faith (v. 1b)

Serving a Christian Employer (v. 2)

- Shared Faith Requires Honour (v. 2a)

- Shared Faith Requires Extra Work (v. 2b)

Application of 1 Timothy 6:1-2

1. Why do you think Paul advocated for slaves to honour their masters, rather than for masters to free their slaves?
 - a. How might this impact our focus and attention on “correcting” social structures or the church’s approach to social injustice?
2. What do Paul’s instructions teach us about how we’re to conduct our mission as followers of Christ, whatever social standing or other circumstance we might be in?
3. What social relationships are you in (e.g. spouse, employer, employee, parent, child, citizen, church member) and how can you live in a way that honours others and therefore testifies of Christ?
 - a. Reflect on Eph 5:22-33 and 1 Pet 3:1-2, how do these passages relate to the Gospel witness our marriage can have?
4. Paul’s instructions to slaves were in the form of a commandment, meaning their actions weren’t to be based on feelings or how they were treated, how is this challenging as you consider the honour and respect you’re commanded to give to others (e.g. Rom 13:1-7; Eph 5:22-6:9; Heb 13:17; 1 Pet 2:18-20)?
5. Why does Paul argue Christian employees should not despise (take advantage of, look down upon, disrespect), but serve a Christian employer all the more diligently?
 - a. How might such a principle also apply to a Christian employer treating their Christian employee?
6. What motivation(s) might a Christian employee have to work especially hard for the benefit of their Christian employer?
7. Ask God to help you honour and submit to those in authority in your life, whether they’re Christian or not. Ask God to use such submission to glorify Christ and bring people to Christ!

Reading this week: Read 1 Tim 6:1-5

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>Honouring E</i> _____ S _____ any Employer (v. __)	<u>Other Bible References:</u> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<u>Chapter</u>	- F _____ Requires H _____ (v. 1a) - H _____ Reveals F _____ (v. 1b) Serving a C _____ E _____ (v. __)	
<u>Verses</u>	- S _____ Faith R _____ Honour (v. 2a) - Shared F _____ Requires E _____ W _____ (v. 2b)	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Believer/Christian	Honour	Master/Employer	Paul	Slave/Employee

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: