**I Timothy Chapter 6, Part 16**

**Salutation (1:1-2)**

**I. The Personal Charge (1:3-20)**

**II. The Public Charge (2:1-6:10)**

A. The Organization of the Church (2:1-3:16)

B. The Offense of the Church (4:1)

C. The Order within the Church (4:1-6:10) **> Behaviour towards Secular Masters (1-2), Behaviour towards Scripture Manipulators (3-5), Behaviour towards Seductive Money (6-10)**

**II. The Public Charge (2:1-6:10)**

**The Order within the Church (4:1-6:10)**

**(I Tim. 6:1-5)**

**\*Slavery in Roman world > 1/3 population > Japhethites! (USA: blacks sold blacks to whites)! Egyptians enslaved Jews for 400 years! Don’t get caught up in selective injustice! All slavery is wrong!**

**I. Behaviour towards Secular Masters (vv. 1-2) > application of employer/employee**

A. ***Respect for Master*** **(v. 1)** > *“let count”* (present imperative)

1. The Condition > under the yoke (v. 1a)

2. The Consideration > worthy of honor (v. 1b)

3. The Christian > God not blasphemed (v. 1c)

B. ***Reverence for Master* (v. 2)**

1. They are Believers (v. 2a) > *“let not desp*ise” (present imperative)

2. They are Brethren (v. 2b)

3. They are Beloved (v. 2c) > *“benefit”* of Christian slave; Paul tried to make the best of slavery while not condemning it (like Moses and divorce > Dt. 24:1-4)

**II. Behaviour towards Scriptural Manipulators (vv. 3-5) why? Perpetuate Caste systems > hierarchy in *pleroma*!** (Blue collar vs. white collar; farmers vs. city slickers [cf. Dt. 28:16]; uniforms in military and medicine; hierarchy with regard to neighborhoods, cars, education, harems, gadgets, church size, etc.; I am higher in the manmade hierarchy than you; however for Christians > Gal. 3:28.

A. ***They are Peddlers* (v. 3)** > myths and genealogies > in *pleroma* > “so-in-so begot so-in-so…”

1. Their deviation (v. 3a)

2. Their doctrine (v. 3b)

B. ***They are Proud*** **(v. 4-5)**

1. Their Fault (v. 4a) *tuphoo* (perfect tense), *epistamai* (ignorant of facts)

2. Their Fruit (vv. 4b-5a) *nason* (doting) and *logomachia* (word-battles)

a. envy > *phthonos* (9x)

b. strife > *eris* (9x)

c. railings > *blasphemia* (19x)

d. evil surmisings > suspicions of wickedness (1x) projection of your evil on others

e. disputings > *paradiatribe* (1x)

f. truth-less *apostereo aletheia*

g. greedy > godliness (incarnation of God I Tim. 3:16) > II Pet. 2:3, 15

C. ***They are Poison*** **(v. 5b)**

1. The Text > omitted in a but included in majority of MSS > crept in from marginal note!!?

2. The Treatment > *aphistemi* (15x) *“withdraw”* (present imperative) separation through church discipline! > I Tim. 1:20; Tit. 3:10

**CONCLUSION**: The *“better than thou”* (caste system) proclivity is the Christian version of the *pleroma*!