**I Timothy Chapter 6, Part 17**

**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. 6:6-10)**

**Behaviour towards Seductive Money**

**PREMISE: The Gnostics taught secret knowledge for the advance up the pleroma for money! Christian truth is not for sale. The Lord provides for those expounding His truth!**

**I. The Excellency of Contentment (vv. 6-8) > Godliness > “Christ-like” life (I Tim. 3:16)**

*A. The Primacy of the Spiritual (v. 6)* > Solomon (**I Ki. 3:9-12**) > **Dt. 8:18**

 1. Reversal > supposing that gain is godliness (v. 5)

 2. Review > **Mt.6:24 > Lk. 16:9, 11, 13 > Ps. 37:16 > Prov. 30:8-9**

*B. The Perspective of the Situation (v. 7)* > *delon* (4x) > *“certain”* > **Job 1:21; Eccl. 5:14-15**

*C. The Provision for the Support (v. 8)* *skepasma* (1x) raiment, covering, shelter > **Phil. 4:10-13**

**II. The Evil of Covetousness (vv. 9-10) >** Gnostics > **II Pet. 2:3** merchandise > **Rev. 18:11-12**

 *A. The Danger of Covetousness (v. 9a)* > Fall > *empipto* (7x) > **I Tim.3:6!**

 1. The Fall into Temptation (*peirasmos* [21x])

 2. The Fall into a Snare (*pagis* [see **I Tim. 3:7**)

 3. The Fall into Lusts (*epithumia* [38x]) > **Amos 2:7**

 a. Foolish (*anoetos* [6x])

 b. Hurtful (*blaberos* [1x])

*B. The Destruction of Covetousness (vv. 9b-10)*

 1. The Ruin of Covetousness (v. 9b) > Drown (*buthizo* [cf. also **Lk. 5:7**])

 a. Destruction (*olethros* [4x])

 b. Perdition (*apoleia* [20x])

 2. The Reason for Covetousness (v. 10a) > **Mt. 6:24**

 a. The Love of Mammon Exalted

 b. The Love of God Excluded

 3. The Result of Covetousness (v. 10b)

 a. The Apostasy from Scripture > *apoplanao* (2x) “wandered from”

 b. The Acquisition of Sorrows > *peripeiro* (1x) self-tortured!

**CONCLUSION**: **Acquire the truth and don’t sell it (Prov. 23:23). Don’t support heretics and don’t seek to be rich. Trust the Lord!**