

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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1 Timothy 6:1-2a

1. How does Paul tell Timothy people should react when they are under the yoke of slavery?
 - a. Find a way to get free.
 - b. Tell the people that would hold us under such bondage how terrible they are.
 - c. Do bad work so that our master would think twice about oppressing us in the future.
 - d. Consider their masters worthy of full respect.

2. Why does Paul say that we should act this way, according to 6:1?
 - a. Because Paul affirmed slavery.
 - b. So that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered.
 - c. It is when Christians live lives worthy of respect and honor even under difficult and unfair circumstances that God is truly glorified, and people take note of his teaching.

3. Do you think that the principle that Paul is teaching only applies to slavery?
Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

4. Do we, in America (even in the church) respond to situations that are unfair or oppressive today the way Paul taught in this text? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

5. List some oppressive situations that you have been through?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

6. How does Paul say that we should treat "masters" who are believers?
 - a. We should show up late for work because we know that Christians are more gracious.
 - b. We should short our landlord on rent and then tell him/her "I thought you were a Christian" when they try to collect the rest of the rent.
 - c. We should see how much we can get by with because we're brothers and we will surely get special treatment.
 - d. We should not disrespect them just because they are fellow believers.
 - e. We should "serve them" better because they are dear to us as fellow believers and they actually care for us.

7. Have you disrespected a believer for whom you have worked, or who somehow had authority over you in the secular world because you thought they should give you more grace because they are a believer? Yes_____ No_____ Give examples. _____

8. How should you treat other Christians in the future now that you have studied this passage?

