

# Taking Care of the Household of God – Slaves and Masters

1 Tim. 6:1, 2

*The Book of 1 Timothy*

## **Introduction:**

This text once again visits the idea of the church as a household and how those in leadership are to take care of the church.

## **Outline:**

- I. Paul's Audience [To whom does Paul speak? - The issue of slavery]
- II. Paul's Audacity [What are believing slaves to give their masters? (vv. 1a, 2a)]
- III. Paul's Apologia [Why are believing slaves to give their master honor?]
  - A. So that the name of God will not be spoken against (v. 1b)
  - B. Because they are brothers (v. 2b)
- IV. Paul's Admonition [Teach and preach these principles {both present active imperatives}]
- V. Christ's Absurdity

## **Shepherding the Sheep:** (What is the NEXT STEP?)

"We live in a very different situation, so what should we take away from 1 Timothy 6:1-2 today? Two things: (1) even where your role in society is challenging, live with integrity and upright behavior so that people will not be able to use your lifestyle as a reason to mock Christian teaching. (2) Even where your status in the eyes of society is very different from that of another Christian (whether lower or higher), treat that person with all respect as your brother/sister in Christ."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.trinitysyr.org/2015/08/22/q-a-regarding-1-timothy-61-2-and-1st-century-slavery/>