

## **God's Household, Part 15: "Instructions to Servants"**

### **1 Timothy 6:1-2**

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*Honor those we are called to serve  
as a way to honor God himself.*

1 Timothy 6:1-2 (ESV): 1 Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled. 2 Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these things.

#### **I. Instruction #1:**

**Christian slaves must regard their masters as worthy of all honor (1).**

Principle #1: We treat people with honor ultimately because we want to uphold God's name. See Ephesians 5:5-7. See also: "Every Good Endeavor" by Tim Keller, [www.faithdrivenentrepreneur.org](http://www.faithdrivenentrepreneur.org), [www.faithdriveninvestor.org](http://www.faithdriveninvestor.org).

#### **II. Instruction #2:**

**Christian slaves must not be disrespectful of their Christian masters (2a).**

Principle #2: We treat fellow Christians with even more respect because they are spiritual family. See 1 Timothy 3:15.

#### **III. Instruction #3:**

**Christian slaves are to serve their Christian masters all the better (2a).**

Principle #3: We serve others- especially fellow Christians- in order to benefit them in Christ. See Philippians 2:6-8, Luke 22:25-27, Daniel 6:26-27.

#### **→ Life Application:**

1. In what ways is it hard for me to honor certain people in my life (especially at work)? What attitudes and actions do I need to repent about?
2. In what ways do I need to change how I treat people in my life (especially at work)? How can I preach the Gospel to myself in light of serving people well?