



1 TIMOTHY

A Field Guide for the Family of God

God at Work

1 Timothy 6 (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.

The Point

Work is a gift from God—serve with excellence, honor, and faithfulness to reflect Jesus in all you do.

**RESPECTING
AUTHORITY**

Respecting Authority

- Paul instructs us to honor anyone in authority over us, because God has placed them in our lives.
- Even when our authority figures are not perfect, we are called to honor them as a way of honoring God.
- Respect is earned, but honor is a choice we make.
- We honor those in authority not because they are always deserving of respect, but because we believe God has placed them there for a reason.

Respecting Authority

- Paul reminds us that if we dishonor those in authority, it could cause others to disrespect the name of Jesus.
- Our behavior can either build up or tear down the reputation of God.
- Simple acts like, showing respect & offering gratitude speak volumes.
- This can create an atmosphere where the name of Jesus is exalted.

*Trusting in God's Plan
for Your Life*

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Trusting in God's Plan for Your Life

- The Bible teaches that God has a purpose for every season of our lives.
- God uses others to shape us & build His kingdom.
- There may be times when our current life feels like it has little meaning.
- Trusting God during these times helps us grow & be ready for the next chapter.

Trusting in God's Plan for Your Life

- When we seek excellence, no matter our situation, we are reflecting God's nature.
- God is at work through our actions, even when we're not aware of it.
- When we trust God with our lives, we can focus on doing our best & leave the rest in His hands.

Attitude is
Everything

A close-up photograph of a person's right hand holding a black marker, in the process of writing the word "Everything" on a white surface. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the marker tip touching the end of the word. The word "Everything" is written in a large, bold, cursive script. Above it, the words "Attitude is" are also written in the same script, though they are slightly out of focus. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Attitude is Everything

- Sometimes, we forget to be grateful for what we have, especially if it's not exactly what we expected.
- We can choose to focus on the blessings we receive rather than the frustrations.
- Regardless of our circumstances, we must remember that our ability to serve is a gift from God.
- Even in our later years, if we are still able to contribute in some way, that's a blessing to be thankful for.

Attitude is Everything

- We should do all things with joy, not just obligation.
- Even simple activities can bring glory to God when we do them with joy & thankfulness.
- God also commands us to rest.
- This rest isn't just physical—it's also spiritual, helping us keep God first & trusting in His provision.

Practical Applications

- Reflect on how you can honor those in authority, even if they are not perfect.
- Take a moment each day to thank God for the life you have.
- Consider how you can reflect God's love & mercy to others.
- Think about how you can use your free time to serve God's kingdom in new ways.

Practical Applications

- Encourage others who may be struggling with their daily tasks.
- Pray for those in leadership positions, that God would guide them & give them wisdom.
- Take regular moments of rest to recharge both physically & spiritually.
- Trust God with your life, knowing that He will use it for His purposes.

Discussion Questions

- What are some ways you can honor those in authority, even if they seem unworthy of respect?
- How can we apply the principle of working as unto the Lord in our everyday tasks?
- How do you trust God with your life, especially when you feel like it is not making a difference?
- In what ways can we show gratitude for the life we have been given?



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