Mission Ready

1 Timothy 6:1-5

* The motive for the mission, 1-2
	+ What is the mission? To glorify God, and enjoy Him forever
		- 1 Cor 10:31; Rev 4:11; Ps 16:11
		- Psalm 96:1-4; Psalm 67:1-7
		- Glorify God by building Christ’s Church. Mt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8
		- Does the mission change in the face of hard circumstances?
	+ What about slavery?
		- Longstanding world evil
		- Not endorsed by Paul (cf. 1 Tim 1:10)
		- Equality under Christ the Judge (Eph 6:9)
		- One in Christ the Savior (Gal 3:28)
		- Characterized by love (Phm)
		- No call for revolution or bloodshed
	+ Are you still on mission?
		- Regard authorities as worthy of honor, 1
			* Persecution…Comfort; temporal…ultimate
		- *So that*
			* The Name of God may not be reviled
			* The teaching (Gospel) may not be reviled
	+ What about Christians?
		- Those slaves who have believing masters, 2
			* Respect your brother
			* Serve to benefit a fellow believer
			* Love
	+ What would it look like for you to prioritize the mission in your hardest circumstance?
* The minister and ministry, 3-5
	+ The teaching ministry
		- Teach and urge these things, 2b
			* Healthy, consistent, under Christ, godly
		- Many will teach a different doctrine, 3
			* Does not agree with sound words of Jesus
			* Does not accord with godliness
	+ The minister of false faith
		- He is arrogant and ignorant, 4
		- Driven by unhealthy craving
		- Marked by controversy and quarrels
		- Fruit of this ministry:
			* Envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, constant friction
		- Appeals to the depraved and deprived, using religiosity for personal gain, 5

Discussion Questions

* What is your motivation for living?
* What is the most challenging environment you have been in? How did that environment reveal your actual operating principles, your deepest motivation in life?
* How does ignorance and arrogance mask a non-Christian approach to life? In what way are you marked by knowledge and humility?