

1 TIMOTHY 6

are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.

6 All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, for the Lord's name and our teaching must not be slandered. ²Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are also brothers and dear to them. The Lord is with you and will teach and rebuke you.

Love of Money

³If anyone teaches false doctrine and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the teaching, he is conceited and unlearned, stands on his own ideas, and is interested in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicion, and constant friction between people who are corrupted and who have been defiled by their faith and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹For people who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many harmful desires that lead into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 TIMOTHY 6:12

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF THE FAITH.

Paul's Charge... ¹¹For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers, the rulers of the darkness in the heavenly realm, and against evil spirits. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession. ¹³In this struggle, hold on to the life of God, who gives us grace through Jesus Christ our Lord before we were born. ¹⁴Confess your sins, so that you may be declared righteous without sin or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵who will give us life with his own glory in the age to come. ¹⁶Therefore, I do not share the way of some who live in unappreciated ease, who do not acknowledge our Lord Jesus Christ, who do not even desire to be honored and might forever. Amen.

...in this... ¹⁷Do not let us be ashamed of our Lord Jesus Christ, nor to be ashamed of him, who is so precious to us. ¹⁸For God, who saves us, is with us, and he will give us grace and strength through Jesus Christ our Lord. ¹⁹Therefore, I will lay up treasure for myself and for you, that you may take hold of the life that is to come. ²⁰For the love of money is a root of all evil, and it has been entrusted to you. Turn away from the opposing ideas of the world, the evil desires of the flesh, and the oppositely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. ²¹Grace be with you.

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I get a lot of emails. Most of them are junk. Stores that had me sign up for their sales, Egyptian Princes who want to give me money, orphanages in China that want me to send them money. I get a lot of emails from church growth organizations or others that offer materials for churches. I honestly can't remember the last time I received an email from a friend or family member, do people still do that?

This morning, though, I had an email come through from the church of the Brethren. Now that is not an uncommon occurrence. I usually get a couple a week from them. This particular one had to do with Brethren Disaster Response Ministries. Of all of the work of the Church of the Brethren, this is one that really ties the denomination together. Even when we disagree on theology or social issues, this manages to keep us connected. I have twice had the opportunity to go on Disaster Response Trips, the first to help rebuild a church that was destroyed by arson and the second for rebuilding in Louisiana following a hurricane (Katrina, I believe). Both were rewarding experiences. People were genuinely appreciative of the work that we did in both places.

The title of the email that I received was "Urgent August Volunteer Needs in Dayton, Ohio." Volunteers are needed for the first two weeks in August at this rebuilding

location – 7 volunteers from August 1-7 and 5 volunteers from August 8-14. Would anyone in our church be available and willing to meet this need? This may sound strange, but this can be an excellent evangelism opportunity – invite an unchurched friend to go along. If you are interested, I am pretty sure that there is district money available to help cover the expenses of the trip. Let me know if you want to go, and I will make it happen.

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. John 4:34

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The Pruned Branch

By Annie Johnson Flint

It is the branch that bears the fruit, that feels the knife;
To prune it for a larger growth, a fuller life,

Though every budding twig be lopped, and every grace
Of swaying tendril, springing leaf be lost a space.

O thou, whose life of joy seems reft, of beauty shorn,
Whose aspirations lie in dust, all bruised and torn,

Rejoice, though each desire, each dream, each hope of
thine,
Shall fall and fade; it is the hand of love divine

That holds the knife, that cuts and breaks with tenderest
touch,
That thou, whose life has borne some fruit may now bear
much.

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Pray Without Ceasing

Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, JT Hale, Barbara Janney, Gary Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Louise Tudor, Patsy Underwood, Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

Thinking of You - Lily Ruth Chatham

District Prayer Request

Pray for John P. Reed, Sr., a member of the Cloverdale Church of the Brethren in Botetourt County, Virginia, as he is licensed to the Gospel Ministry. Let us pray that the Spirit of God might call forth more men and women for the set-apart ministry.

Thank you for continuing to honor your commitment to the work of Jesus Christ through your tithes.

Would you rather send your tithes by PayPal?

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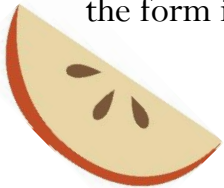
If you cannot attend regular Sunday service do not forget that you can watch a live stream of Sunday Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren, where you can view the live stream each Sunday, or watch any of our recent sermons online.



The Witness Commission will continue collecting items for Hospice of Rockingham County during the month July. Please help them keep provide comfort to others by purchasing some items on their wish list. You may place the items just inside the door downstairs or in the container in the narthex. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to the church and put “hospice” on the memo line. You can place all monetary donations in the offering plate.

Thank you for all your help!

Home and Family Life will be making fried apple pies on October 5th. The pies will cost \$3 each and orders will continue through September 12th. To order just complete the form in the narthex or contact a member of Home and Family Life to place an order!



Eden First Church of the Brethren will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 18th from 1 pm - 5 pm.

In addition to a need for blood donors, we are also in need of volunteers to work the drive. There are signup sheets posted on the bulletin boards to sign up to volunteer or donate blood, and you can also sign up to donate online using the sponsor code Brethren.

If you're able, please help us reach our goal of donors for our drive!

Upcoming Birthdays

July 25: Addy Barton

Karen Stowe

July 27: Garry Tudor

July 28: Zacharias Diamond

Garry Jones

July 29: Rebekah Richardson

July 30: Lisa Trant

