

SOUND WISDOM IN THE CHURCH

Introduction: Paul gave Timothy sound wisdom to handle the challenges he would encounter in the churches wherever the Lord would send him, especially in Ephesus where he was presently serving the Lord. Where did Paul get this wisdom? Where would Timothy find this wisdom after Paul left him? Where can we find this wisdom? Christ is the power and wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:24). When we abide in Christ and His words abide in us, we can ask for wisdom and He will give it to us.

Lesson Aim: Learn to abide in Christ and let His words abide in you so you can ask Him for wisdom.

Memory Verse: "If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer:**I. The Performance of Slaves — 6:1- 2**

1. How were saved slaves to treat their unsaved masters? 6:1
2. How were saved slaves to treat their saved masters? 6:2

II. The Peril of False Teachers — 6:3-5

3. Define a false teacher. 6:3
4. Who is depicted in the doctrine of godliness? 3:16
5. Describe a false teacher. 6:4a
6. What is the result of false teaching? 6:4b-5

III. The Priority of Godliness — 6:6-10

7. _____ with _____ is great _____. 6:6
8. How much should a Christian expect to receive to be content? 6:8
9. What will happen to those who make it their goal to be rich? 6:9
10. What is missing in this statement: "Money is the root of all evil"? 6:10
11. What will happen to believers that covet money? 6:10

IV. The Practice of God's Man — 6:11-16

12. What should a true believer practice? 6:11-12

V. The Prescription for the Wealthy — 6:17-19

13. What are the two things that a wealthy believer should do? 6:17
14. How can a wealthy believer get a grip on the blessings of eternal life? 6:18-19

VI. The Protection of Church Leaders — 6:20-21

15. How could Timothy save himself and those who listened to him? 6:20-21; 4:16