

ANALYSIS:

1. What is said about the man who rejects the words of Jesus and the doctrine which is according to godliness? _____
2. With what are we commanded to be content? _____
3. When Timothy and the rich obey God's commands, they thereby manifest their salvation, that is, they " _____ ."
(vs 12, 19)
4. What command is given to those who are rich?

5. What is Timothy warned to avoid which can cause error concerning the faith? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Paul's charge to Timothy (vs 13-16), while spoken to a "man of God" who was a pastor, has application to every one of us. The example of Christ's conduct and confession before Pilate becomes a pattern for us to fight the good fight of faith and keep trusting our Father even in the darkest hour. The reference to the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ (that is, His second coming and manifestation) becomes a solemn challenge to live as if expecting Him today. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come ... Therefore be ye ready" (Mt 24:42, 44). "Behold. I come quickly .. I come as a thief ... and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev 3:11; 16:15; 22:12). When He appears as the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, everything else will fade into nothingness. At that day the unprepared will cry "to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb" (Rev 6:16). The elect will be praising, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph 1:3). "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Rev 5:13).

Are you living so that you can enthusiastically pray, "Even so, Come, Lord Jesus!"?

HELP:

1. He is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, supposing gain is godliness (vs 3-5).
2. Having food and raiment (v 8).
3. "Lay hold on eternal life" (vs12,19)
4. Be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, do good, be rich in good works, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come (vs 17-19).
5. Profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called (v 20).