FIRST TIMOTHY

CHAPTER 1

1. **Paul, one sent away with a commission pertaining to [the] Anointed Jesus** (or: Jesus Christ's representative and envoy), **down from** (or: in line and accord with) **an imposed arrangement from** (an injunction of; a decree and charge set upon [me] pertaining to) **God our Savior, even** (or: and) **from Christ Jesus, our Expectation** (or: Hope),
2. **to Timothy, a genuine child** (a legitimate born one) **within the midst of faith** (or: in union with trust)**: Grace and favor, mercy and compassion [together with] peace and harmony** [= shalom], **from God, our Father, even** (and) **Christ Jesus, our Lord** (Owner; Master).

3. **Just as I called you alongside – while traveling into Macedonia – to encourage you to remain focused in Ephesus, to the end that you should pass on an announcement** (should notify; would bring along a message) **to certain folks** (or: for some) **not to continue teaching different things,**
4. **nor yet to constantly hold toward myths** (or: stories; fictions) **and unbounded** (= endless) **genealogies, which things habitually hold investigations and inquiries alongside which involve speculations and disputes, rather than God's house-administration** (management; stewardship) **– the one within trust and in union with faith.**

5. **Yet the goal of the notification** (the announcement which is passed along) **continues being love, forth from out of the midst of a clean heart and a good conscience** (virtuous knowing-together) **and of unhypocritical faith** (or: unfeigned trust; or: loyalty and belief that is not overly critical),
6. **of which things some** (or: certain folks), **being without a mark or target** (or: deviating and swerving from the goal), **were turned aside from out of [them] into vain** (fruitless; profitless) **talking and idle disputation,**
7. **wanting to be teachers of Law and custom, [yet] by habit not mentally apprehending either what things they are saying or about what things they are constantly insisting** (thoroughly asserting and maintaining).

8. **Now we have seen and thus know that the Law** [= Torah] **is beautiful** (ideal and of good quality; useful; fine), **if ever anyone could be continuously making use in it** (employing and behaving to it) **lawfully,**
9. **having seen and knowing this, that a law is not continually being laid down for one in accord with the Way pointed out** (a just one; one who lives in right relationship with fair and equitable dealings), **but for lawless people and for insubordinate** (non-self-subjecting; out of rank) **folks; for irreverent ones** (folks devoid of awe) **and for failures** (folks shooting off-line and missing the target; people making mistakes); **for those without regard for divine or natural laws** (impious, maligning, disloyal ones lacking loving-kindness) **and for profane**

folks (people without connection to the set-apart and holy, who live in what is accessible to all); **for those who strike** (or: thrash) **fathers and for people who strike** (or: thrash) **mothers; for those murdering men;**
10. **for men who use prostitutes** (or: who are male prostitutes; fornicators; or: = those who "worship" in pagan temples); **for men who lie with males** (sodomites); **for kidnappers** (those catching men by the foot; = slave dealers); **for liars; for ones who violate their oaths** (perjurers); **and whatever different thing which is continually occupying an opposite position** (lying in opposition or in replacement) **to the sound and healthful teaching,**
11. **[which is] in accord with** (or: down from; in line with and on the level of) **the good news of** (or: the message of goodness and ease pertaining to) **the glory and reputation of The Happy God, which I, myself, was persuaded to believe** (or: upon Whom I am made to trust).

12. **I continue holding** (or: having) **grace and favor by and in the One enabling me** (putting ability within me; empowering me)**: Christ Jesus, our Lord, because He considers me full of faith** (or: deems me loyal and faithful), **Himself placing [me] into a position of giving attending service,**
13. **– one being formerly a blasphemer** (a slanderer; one using abusive speech) **and a persecutor and a violent, insolent aggressor** (an overbearing, insolent, riotous and outrageous person), **but to the contrary, I was mercied** (or: given mercy), **because, being continuously ignorant** (without intimate, experiential knowledge or personal insight), **I acted** (or: did it) **within unbelief** (or: in distrust).
14. **Yet our Lord's grace and favor overwhelms** (is above more than enough; is overabounding) **with faith and trust, as well as love, which are resident within Christ Jesus.**

15. **The Word [is] full of faith and of every welcome reception of equal value, because** (or: Faithful and trustworthy [is] the message and saying that) **Christ Jesus came into the ordered System** (the world of culture, religion, government and economy; or: the cosmos) **to rescue failures** (to deliver those missing the target; to save and make sinners healthy and whole; to restore outcasts to their rightful position), **of whom I myself exist being first** (or: am foremost).
16. **But nonetheless, through this I was mercied** (or: I am given mercy), **to the end that within me first** (= as the foremost case) **Jesus Christ may point out so as to publicly display every emotion which is long in arriving** (all long-suffering patience) **with a view to being an underline** (toward [being] a subtype; as facing a sketch or outline; for a pattern) **of those about to be habitually believing** (or: progressively trusting) **upon Him, into eonian life** (into Life which pertains to and has the qualities and characteristics of the Age; into life of, and which lasts through, the ages).

17. **So, to [the] King of The Ages** (or: eons; indefinite time periods), **to [the] incorruptible** (undecayable; unspoilable), **invisible** (unseen; not-able-to be

seen) **One, to [the] only God** [some MSS add: wise; so: only wise God], **[be] honor** (value; worth) **and glory** (reputation which calls forth praise), **on into the ages** (or: indefinite time periods) **of the ages. It is so** (Amen)**!**

(or: Now in and by the King to Whom belongs the ages – in and by the imperishable, invisible [and] only One – in and by God [is] honor and glory, [leading] into the [most important] eons of the eons. So it is!)

18. **I am presently placing this passed-on message** (notification; announcement) **to your side, child Timothy, down from the preceding prophecies upon you** (or: in accord with the prophecies habitually leading forth upon you), **to the end that you may constantly perform military service** (or: do battle; perform warfare) **within them** (or: in union with them) **– the beautiful** (fine; ideal) **military service** (or: battle; warfare),
19. **while constantly holding** (or: having) **faith** (and: trust) **and a good conscience** (a profitable knowing-together) **– which some** (or: certain ones), **thrusting away** (or: pushing and driving away), **experienced shipwreck about the faith** (or: concerning [their] trust, confidence and loyalty)**:**
20. **of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I gave** (or: hand) **over to the adversary** (or: satan) **to the end that they would be child-trained, educated and disciplined with a view toward maturity, [so as] not to constantly blaspheme** (speak abusively or slanderously).

CHAPTER 2

1. **Consequently I am habitually calling you alongside to encourage, counsel and exhort you to first of all be constantly making petitions for needs, prayers** (speaking, thinking and doing toward things being well), **encounters** (or: intercessions; meetings within situations to converse or hit and obtain the objective), **[and] expressions of gratitude** (or: of the goodness of grace and favor) **over** (or: on behalf of; for) **all mankind** (humanity) **–**
2. **over** (or: for) **kings and all those being folks within a position of holding control over** (or: above) **[others]** (or: being in superiority or high station), **to the end that we may continuously lead** (or: carry through) **a course of life that is still – at rest** (free from all agitation or disturbance with tranquility arising from without), **and also quiet – peaceable** (gentle, exciting no disturbance in others, with tranquility arising from within) **in all reverence** (pious and devout relations with everything) **and majestic seriousness** (dignity and gravity which inspire awe).

3. **This [is] beautiful** (fine; ideal) **and welcomingly received from the presence of, and in the sight of, God, our Deliverer** (our Savior; the One Who heals us and makes us whole, restoring us to our original state and condition),
4. **Who is constantly willing** (continuously intending and purposing) **all mankind** (all humanity) **to be saved** (delivered; rescued; made healthy and whole), **and** (or: even) **to come into a full, accurate, experiential and intimate knowledge and insight of Truth** (or: into a realization of reality),

5. **for God [is] One, and One [is the] Mediator of God and mankind, a Man, Christ Jesus** (or: for [there is] one God, and one medium between God and humans, [the] human, Anointed Jesus),
6. **the One giving Himself a correspondent ransom** (a ransom in the place of and directed toward the situation) **over [the situation of and] on behalf of** (or: for) **all** (everyone; all humanity and all things) **the witness** [note: "the witness" is omitted by A; other MSS: the evidence of which] **[will come] in its own fitting situations** (or: the Witness for their own seasons; Testimony to and evidence for His own particular occasions)
7. **into which I, a preacher** (or: herald) **and one sent with a mission** (an envoy and representative), **was placed** (or: am set) **– I am speaking truth, I am not lying – a teacher of multitudes** (nations; the multiplied ethnic groups; non-Jews), **within faith and Truth** (or: in union with trust and reality).

8. **I am wanting and intending, then, the men** (adult males) **within every place to habitually pray** (constantly think and or speak toward goodness and well-being), **continually lifting up loyal and dutiful hands that are pure from all crime, apart from impulse of intrinsic fervor** (or: passion and swelling desire; or: anger, indignation or wrath) **and reasonings** (debates; divisions in thinking; dialogues; computations).
9. **Likewise, women to habitually adorn and arrange themselves in an ordered and arranged system of proper behavior and clothing: with modesty and soundness of mind** (sanity and sensibility), **not in braids** (or: inter-weavings) **and in golden ornaments, or in pearls or expensive garments,**
10. **but rather – what is suitable** (proper; fitting; becoming) **in** (or: for; to) **women giving instruction on reverence for God** [note: refers to women who taught "God-fearers" in synagogues, to prepare these folks for conversion] **– through good works and virtuous actions.**

11. **A woman** (or: wife) **must be habitually learning – within calm quietness** (without making a fuss; in peaceableness and gentleness, exciting no disturbance in others, and with tranquility arising from within) **– in union with every humble alignment while giving support** (or: within every subordinate arrangement).
12. **Now I am not turning upon a woman, so as to direct her to be habitually teaching** (or: Yet I do not habitually turn on a wife, to regularly teach [her]) **– neither to continually act in self-authority to use arms for murdering an adult male** (or: = habitually to be a self-appointed master to domineer over a man [note: this may have been an exhortation against Gnosticism, and a possible rendering could be: And I am not permitting a woman to teach that she is the originator of a man]) **– but rather to exist** (or: be) **within quietness** (gentleness, exciting no disturbance, with tranquility arising from within) **–**
13. **for you see, Adam was molded and formed first, thereafter** (or: next), **Eve.**

14. **Also, Adam was not seduced and deceived, but the woman being completely cheated out by seduction** (or: thoroughly deluded) **has come to be and exists within deviation** (transgression; a stepping by the side),
15. **yet she will be delivered** (rescued; saved; made whole and restored to her original state and condition) **through the Birth** (or: birthing) **of the Child – should they dwell** (abide) **within faith** (and: trust) **and love and the results of being set-apart** (holiness), **with soundness of mind** (sanity; sensibility).
The Word [is] full of faith! (or: Trustworthy [is] this message.)

CHAPTER 3

1. **If anyone is habitually stretching himself in reaching out toward a distant object upon which the eye is fixed, he is by habit craving a beautiful deed** (or: If anyone continues reaching after visitation for inspection and tender guardianship, he fully desires a virtuous action; If anyone stretches out in reaching for the duties of looking around upon things {duties of one who watches upon, or oversees}, he completely desires ideal work).
2. **It is therefore binding upon** (necessary for) **the person fixing his eye upon a distant object** (or: the one doing visitation for inspection and tender guardianship; the one watching upon or overseeing) **to be someone not to be laid hold of** (thus: one in whom is no just cause for blame), **a husband of one wife** (or: an adult male in relationship to one woman), **sober** (unintoxicated; clear-headed; moderate in habits), **sound in mind** (sensible), **have his world ordered and arranged** (or: systematic and decorous), **be fond of strangers** (or: hospitable), **skillful and qualified to teach,**
3. **not addicted to wine** (or: one who keeps wine at his side), **not quarrelsome and apt to strike another, but rather, yielding** (lenient; gently equitable), **not disposed to fight nor belligerent, not fond of silver** (= money),
4, **habitually putting himself at the head of** (= lead, provide for and protect) **his own household so as to beautifully** (ideally; finely) **stand before and lead them, having children in the midst of humble alignment for support** (or: within subjection) **with all majestic seriousness** (dignity and gravity which inspire awe) **–**
5. **now if anyone does not know** (has not seen and is not aware) **to put himself at the head of** (= lead, provide for and protect) **his own household so as to stand before and lead them, how will he be thoughtful of, take an interest in, and take care of, God's called-out community? –**
6. **not a novice** (neophyte; a newly placed member of the body), **lest, being inflated with the fumes of conceit, he may fall into the adversary's judgment** (the result of sifting, separation and decision made in regard to someone who thrusts or throws something through another; or: a judgment which comes from the adversary).
7. **Yet it is also necessary and binding to continuously hold** (or: have) **a beautiful witness** (= a fine reputation) **from those outside, lest, he may fall into reproach** (censorious report regarding character) **and a trick** (snare; gin;

device; stratagem) **belonging to or devised by the adversary** (or: whose source is the one who thrust things through folks; which is the adversary).

8. **Attending servants, similarly, [should be] serious** (dignified with gravity) **– not double-talking** (or: speaking with double meanings; or: divided in thought or reason), **neither [being] folks having a propensity toward much wine, nor people eager for dishonorable** (deformed or ugly; = dishonest) **gain –**
9. **continuously holding** (or: having) **the secret** (or: mystery) **of the faith** (trust; loyalty) **within** (or: in union with) **a clean conscience.**

10. **And so, let these folks also be first put through a process of examination, testing and proving. Thereafter, let them be regularly giving supporting service [to the community], being folks that have not been called up before a judge** (or: free from accusation; unimpeachable).

11. **Women** (or: Wives) **[of the community], similarly, [should be] serious** (dignified with majestic gravity, inspiring awe), **not devils** (or: adversaries; women who thrust things through folks), **sober** (unintoxicated; clear-headed; moderate in habits), **full of faith and trust** (or: faithful; trustworthy; loyal) **in all things.**

12. **Let those giving supporting service be adult males having a relationship with one woman** (or: husbands of one wife), **habitually placing themselves in front of their children, as well as their own households, to beautifully** (or: finely; ideally) **lead, protect and provide [for them].**
13. **You see, those giving supporting service in a beautiful and ideal manner continue in** (or: by; for; among) **themselves building around themselves a beautiful** (fine; excellent; ideal) **staircase** (that which enables folks to step up to a higher place) **and much freedom of speech** (confident outspokenness and boldness which is the right of citizens) **resident within faith, trust and loyalty – that which is resident within, and in union with, Christ Jesus.**

14. **I am writing these things to you, expecting to come toward you swiftly** (in quickness; or: = soon),
15. **but if ever I should be slow** (or: delay), **to the end that you may see and thus know how it is necessary and binding to be twisted and turned back up again within God's household** (or: to be treated, conducted or caused to behave in God's house), **which is** (or: exists being) **a called-out community of [the] Living God** (or: whose source is a living God; which has the qualities and character of [the] living God; or: which is a living god), **a pillar and foundational seat of The Truth** (or: a base and settled basis of reality).

16. **And confessedly** (admittedly; with common consent and sameness of speech) **great is the secret** (or: mystery) **of the reverence** (the standing in awe of goodness, with adoration; the healthful devotion in true relation to God)**:**

which is made visible (manifested) **within flesh** (= a physical body), **is rightwised** (set in equity and right relationship in the Way pointed out) **in spirit** (in union with Breath-effect), **is seen by agents** (or: messengers), **is heralded** (preached) **within multitudes** (among nations and ethnic groups), **is trusted and believed within [the] world** (an ordered system), **is received back in good opinion and reputation.**
(or:
Who [some MSS read: God; others: He] was brought to clear light within flesh (= the natural realm); was shown righteous and just within spirit and attitude;
was seen by agents; was proclaimed among Gentiles {non-Jews};
was believed within [the] world of culture, religion, and government;
was taken back up again, within glory – a manifestation which calls forth praise!)

CHAPTER 4

1. **Now the Spirit** (or: Breath-effect) **is explicitly saying that within subsequent seasons** (in fitting situations and on appropriate occasions which will be afterwards) **some of the faith** (or: certain folks belonging to this trust) **will stand off and away [from the Path, or from the Community]** (or: some people will withdraw from this conviction and loyalty), **habitually holding toward** (having a propensity to) **wandering and deceptive spirits** (or: straying and seducing breath-effects and attitudes) **and to teachings of demons** (to teachings about and pertaining to, or which are, demons [note: a Hellenistic concept and term: = animistic influences]; or: to instructions and training which come from animistic influences [= pagan religions]),
[comment: this prophesied about the future institutionalization of the called-out community, and the introduction of pagan teachings, all of which later came to be called "orthodox"]
2. **within perverse scholarship of false words** (or: in association with overly critical hairsplitting of false messages; in the midst of gradually separated interpretations of false expressions; or: in union with deceptive decisions by speakers of lies), **from folks having their own consciences cauterized** (seared; branded) **as with a hot iron,**
3. **coming from people habitually forbidding** (preventing; hindering) **[folks] to be marrying [and to be] constantly abstaining from [certain] foods – which things God creates** (or: created; reduced from a state of wildness and disorder) **into something to be shared and partaken of with thanksgiving by those full of faith** (by the faithful and loyal folks) **and by those having experienced full, intimate knowledge and realization of the Truth** (or: of Reality)**!**
4. **Because all God's creation** (or: every creature of God) **[is] beautiful** (fine; ideal), **and not one thing is to be thrown away – being habitually received with thanksgiving –**
5. **for it is continuously** (or: progressively) **being set-apart** (made holy; rendered sacred) **through God's Word** (or: by means of a word which is God)

and an encounter (or: a meeting and falling in with someone; or: conversation; or: hitting on target within a matter to assist; thus: intercession).

6. **Placing these things under as a base or foundation, to give advice or make suggestions to and for the brothers** (= fellow believers), **you will be a beautiful** (fine; ideal; excellent**) supportive servant of Christ Jesus, habitually being inwardly nourished by the words of the faith** (or: in the language and utterances of trust), **and of the beautiful** (fine; ideal; excellent; good quality) **teaching in which you follow alongside closely** (or: to which you nearly accompany and attend).

7. **Now you must constantly refuse and avoid** (excuser yourself from) **profane and old-womanish myths, yet habitually be training and exercising yourself, as in gymnastic discipline, toward reverence** (standing in awe of wellness, with adoration; healthful devotion in true relation to God),
8. **for gymnastic discipline for bodily exercise is beneficial toward a few things and with a view to a few people** (or: for a little while), **yet reverence** (devoutness; standing well in awe) **is beneficial toward all things and with a view to all people, continuously holding** (having) **a promise of life – of the one now** (at the present time), **and of the impending one** (the one being about to be).

9. **The Word [is] full of faith** (or: Faithful and Trustworthy [is] the word) **and worthy of all welcomed reception,**
10**. for into this [end] are we constantly working hard unto weariness, and are continuously struggling in the contest** (contending for the prize; other MSS: being reproached), **because we have placed our expectation** (or: set our hope) **and thus rely upon a living God** (or: upon [the] living God), **Who is** (exists being) **[the] Savior** (Deliverer; Rescuer; Restorer to health and wholeness) **of all humanity** (all mankind) **– especially of believers** (of folks full of faith and trust; of faithful ones)**!**
11. **Be constantly announcing these things to those at your side, passing them along from one to another, and keep on teaching them!**

12. **Let no one be despising** (thinking down on; having a negative opinion of) **your youth. On the contrary, continue coming to be a model** (pattern; example) **of** (or: pertaining to) **those full of faith** (of the faithful ones; for believers)**: in word, in conduct** (behavior), **in love, in faith** (or: trust), **in purity** (or: propriety).

13. **While I am coming, continue holding toward a propensity for the reading** (in the means of knowing again), **for the calling alongside to give relief, aid, exhortation, comfort and encouragement** (in the work of a paraclete), **for the teaching** (to the instruction and in the training).
14. **Do not make it a habit to neglect the care of or disregard the gift of grace** (or: gracious gift) **residing within you, which was given to you through**

a prophecy, accompanied by a laying on of the hands of the body of elder folks.

15. **Continually meditate on and give attention to these things; be absorbed in them** (exist within them), **to the end that your cutting a passage forward** (your progress and advancement) **may be visibly apparent to all** (for everyone).
16. **Habitually have a hold upon yourself and the teaching** (or: Constantly attend to yourself and to the instruction and training). **Continue abiding on and remaining** (or: Constantly dwell on, while staying; Be progressively and fully persisting) **in them, for, continuously doing this, you will rescue** (deliver; save; restore to health and wholeness) **both yourself and those regularly hearing you.**

CHAPTER 5

1. **You should not inflict blows upon** (or: = verbally attack; severely criticize; give reproofs to) **an older man. To the contrary, habitually call [him] alongside, as a father, to aid, give relief and assist, to encourage and exhort** (= be a paraclete to him). **[Treat] younger men as brothers,**
2. **older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, within all purity and propriety.**

3. **Be constantly honoring** (valuing; thus: = assisting and supporting) **widows – those actually being widows.**
4. **But if any widow currently has children or grandchildren** (descendants), **let these keep on learning to first show reverence, devotion and pious care for their own household, and to keep paying a due compensation to their parents and grandparents** (progenitors), **for this is welcomely received in God's sight.**
5. **Now the one actually being a widow, and having been left alone** (= without a dowry and destitute), **has placed expectation upon, and now relies on God, and constantly remains focused in requests regarding needs, and in prayers** (thoughts and words aimed toward goodness and well-being) **during night and during day,**
6. **yet the woman continuously indulging herself in riotous luxury** (excessive comfort; sensual gratification), **continuing being alive** (or: [though] living), **she is dead** (or: she has died).

7. **So keep on announcing these things along the way** (telling them to the one at your side), **to the end that they may be folks not to be laid hold of for being reprehensible** (thus: people in whom is no just cause for blame).

8. **Now if anyone is not habitually having forethought or perceiving beforehand in order to provide for those who are his own** (= his own relatives), **and especially ones of the household** (family or domestics) **he has**

disowned (turned his back on; denied; renounced; refused) **the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever** (or: has disregarded and declined their trust and exists being worse than one without faith).

9. **Let a widow be put on the list, and continue enrolled, who has become no younger than sixty years old, a wife of one man** (= not married a second time?),
10. **having a continuing reputation founded in beautiful acts** (ideal works; fine deeds)**: if she nourishes children** (or: reared a family), **if she is** (or: was) **hospitable to strangers and foreigners, if she washes** (or: bathed) **the feet of the set-apart folks** (the holy ones; the saints), **if she successfully wards off distress for those being constantly pressured** (or: relieves those consistently being in tribulation and affliction), **if she follows up on every good work** (attends to every virtuous deed).

11. **On the other hand, turn aside requests of** (or: refuse) **younger widows [from being on the list], for you see, whenever they may develop headstrong pride** (live strenuously or rudely) **against Christ** (or: may come down to the level of sexual impulse, be in the sphere of sensual desire, feel licentious or become wanton in relation to or in regard to the Anointed [body]) **they are continually wanting to be marrying** [note: it was a Gnostic belief that a person could gain knowledge (gnosis) by having sex with someone],
12. **habitually holding a decision: that they set-aside the first faith** (or: continuing to possess the result of a judgment, because they displace their first trust).
13. **Yet at the same time, they also are constantly learning inactiveness** (idleness; unemployment), **wandering around the houses** (= going from home to home), **and not only [are they] inactive** (ineffective; unemployed; idle), **but further [they are] also gossips** (babblers; ones bubbling over with prattle) **and meddlers** (or: gaining knowledge by supernatural means or practicing magic), **women constantly saying unnecessary things** (or: continuously speaking the things they should not speak).

14. **I am wanting and intending, therefore, younger women to be marrying: to be bearing children; to continuously rule and manage a household; to be by habit giving not even one starting point** (base of operation; opportunity; incentive; inducement) **favoring verbal abuse** (slander; reviling) **to the person occupying an opposing position** (or: in the one lying in opposition; for the opposer or the opposing counterpart),
15. **for you see, already some** (or: certain folks) **were turned out [of the path]** (or: were turned aside [from the goal]), **behind the adversary** (= to follow after satan; or: = some were by their opponents turned out of the midst of the community to the adversarial counterpart [religion] which lay behind them).

16. **If any woman of faith** (or: faithful, trusting and believing woman) **continues having widows [in her circle of influence or in her family], let her continue**

warding off [disaster] for them (or: relieving and being sufficient for them [= by paying their expenses]), **and then the called-out community [will] not be continuously burdened** (weighed down), **to the end that it may continually ward off [disaster]** (or: bring relief and be sufficient [by paying expenses]) **for those actually being widows.**

17. **Let the older men – ones having beautifully** (ideally; finely) **placed [themselves] at the head so as to stand before, to lead and to provide – be considered worthy of double value, worth and honor, especially those being continually wearied and spent with labor in [the] Word** (or: in the midst of the message) **and by teaching** (or: instruction and training),
18**. for the Scripture is saying, "You shall not muzzle a bull** (or: ox) **when it is threshing out grain,"** [Deut. 25:4] **and, "The worker [is] worthy** (of equal value) **of his wages."** [Luke 10:7]

19. **Do not normally accept** (or: receive; entertain) **[from the] outside** (= from outside the community) **an accusation down on** (or: charge against) **an older man, except "upon two or three witnesses,"** [Deut. 17:6]
20. **yet habitually put to the proof, test or expose** (or: lay bare and reprove) **the [older men] habitually missing the target or constantly being in error** (or: the [older men] repeatedly sinning; those continuously failing) **before all onlookers** (or: in the sight of all), **to the end that the rest, also, may continue holding reverence** (or: having respectful fear).

21. **I continue bearing complete and thorough witness** (or: I habitually give evidence and testimony throughout) **in the sight of God and of Christ Jesus and of the selected, picked out and chosen agents** (or: messengers), **to the end that you may keep watch on so as to guard these things apart from fore-decisions** (prejudgment; prejudice), **continually doing nothing** (constructing not one thing) **down from** (in accord with; on the level of) **inclination** (or: a leaning toward [something]) **or bias.**

22. **In practice, place** (or: lay) **your hands quickly upon no one, neither be habitually partnering with, participating in or sharing in common in the failures** (errors; sins; misses of the target; deviations from the goal) **belonging to other folks. Constantly keep yourself pure** (or: Make it a habit to watch over and guard so as to preserve yourself with propriety).
23. **No longer continue being a water-drinker, but rather, habitually make use of a little wine because of your throat** (or: orifice of the stomach; neck of the bladder) **and your thick** (or: close together, firm, solid) **or frequent weaknesses** (deficiencies in strength; infirmities; sicknesses [note: this may have been a bladder ailment cause by the local water, causing frequent urination]).

24. **The failures** (shortfalls; errors; mistakes; deviations; sins) **of some people are obvious** (portrayed before the public), **continually proceeding into a**

separation and then a decision which leads into judging, yet also, for certain (or: with some) **folks, they are normally following upon** (or: after; = they have not yet caught up with them; or: they habitually accompanying [them]).
25. **Similarly, the beautiful acts** (the excellent deeds; the fine and ideal works) **are obvious** (portrayed before the public), **and yet the ones habitually holding otherwise** (having [acts or deeds] in a different way) **are not able to be continuously hidden.**

CHAPTER 6

1. **Let as many as are** (or: exist being) **slaves, joined under a yoke, constantly regard** (consider; esteem) **their own masters** (or: owners) **worthy of all honor, to the end that God's Name and the teaching may not be repeatedly blasphemed** (spoken of injuriously; slandered).
2. **Further, let not those having believing masters** (or: trusting and loyal owners who are full of faith) **be in the habit of despising** (having a condescending attitude about; be thinking down upon) **[them], because they are brothers** (= fellow believers). **But rather, let them consistently perform as slaves to a greater extent, because those being continual recipients of their good service** (receiving the well-doing in return; those being supported by the benefits) **are believers and beloved** (or: are folks full of faith and love).
Keep on teaching these things, and keep on encouraging by calling others alongside to aid and exhort them (or: continually perform as a paraclete).

3. **If anyone continues teaching something different, and is not approaching by sound words (**or: in healthful messages) **– in those of our Lord, Jesus Christ – even in the teaching which accords with reverence** (or: which is down from a standing in awe of wellness, with adoration, and is in line with a healthful devotion in true relation to God),
4. **he has smoldered and has been puffed up with the fumes of conceit, continues versed in nothing** (capable of nothing; unskilled and able to fix upon nothing; understanding nothing of how to know), **but rather, continues being sick with a morbid craving concerning investigations** (or: seekings; questionings; inquiries) **and debates** (word fights; disputes; controversies), **forth from out of which things continually come to be** (or: are birthed) **envy, strife** (discord; contention), **blasphemies** (abusive speeches), **bad** (labor-inducing; unprofitable; malicious) **suspicions and intrigues,**
5. **altercations and mutual irritations from throughout rubbing against** (= friction with) **people being folks having been utterly spoiled, ruined, corrupted or perished in the mind** (= lost their wits), **and having been deprived from the Truth** (or: defrauded of reality), **folks continually prescribing it a customary law, inferring providing** (or: procuring; acquiring; furnishing and supplying to one's self; capital; financial gain) **to be the Reverence** (the standing in awe of wellness, with adoration; the healthful devotion in true relation to God; or: devoutness).

6. **Now the Reverence** (or: devoutness and standing in awe of the ease and well-being associated with God) **is a great providing of supply** (or: means of acquiring; furnishing and supplying to one's self; or: capital) **along with a contented self-sufficiency from independent means,**

[or: Yet is great financial gain accompanied with independent means this Reverence?]

7. **for we carried** (or: brought) **nothing into the world** (the ordered system) **[and] it is evident that neither are we able to carry anything out.**

8. **So, continuously holding** (or: having) **nourishments** (foods; sustenance) **and coverings** (clothing or shelter) **we will be defended, made a match for, and warded off by these things** (or: we shall be contentedly satisfied with and sufficed in these things).

9. **Yet those wanting and determining to be rich are continually falling in – into a trial and a trap and many senseless and hurtful strong passions** (many over-desires void of understanding and bringing weakness; disadvantageous wants and needs), **which things habitually swamp those people, sinking them to the bottom, into ruinous corruption** (or: destruction) **and loss,**

10. **for a root of all the bad things** (the worthless qualities; the injurious situations; the poor craftsmanship; the ugly personalities; the malicious desires) **is the fondness of silver** (= love of money; = covetousness) **of which some, habitually extending and stretching themselves out to reach, are caused to wander off** (or: were led astray) **away from the faith and they pierce themselves through with a rod and put themselves on a spit** (or: they run themselves through, stabbing themselves all around) **for** (or: in; to; with; by) **many pains.**

11. **However you, O human from God** (or: O person whose source and origin is God), **be constantly fleeing** (taking flight from) **these things. But continuously pursue** (or: rapidly follow and chase) **fair and equitable dealings in right relationships in the Way pointed out** (rightwisedness; justice), **faith** (trust; trustworthiness; loyalty), **love, persistent remaining under in patient yet relentless endurance to give support, meek and gentle sensitivity** (mildness of temper).

12. **Constantly contend** (as in the public games in the stadium or on the racecourse) **the beautiful** (ideal; fine) **struggling contest of the faith** (or: whose source and character are trust). **Take hold of** (or: Get a firm grip upon) **the eonian life** (the Life that has the quality and characteristic of the Age, and pertains to the eons, continuing on into the ages) **into which you were called – even [when] you agreed** (or: confessed; said the same thing with another) **the beautiful** (fine; ideal) **like-message of agreement in the sight and presence of many witnesses.**

13. **In the sight and presence of God – the One continuously bringing forth all things as living creatures** (the One habitually or repeatedly generating all things alive, keeping The Whole alive) **– and of Christ Jesus, the One who was testifying the beautiful like-message** (or: fine confession; making the ideal and excellent public declaration) **on [the occasion with] Pontius Pilate, I am announcing to you** (bringing this message to your side) **and passing on this notification,**
14**. [that] you yourself keep watch on, so as to guard and preserve, the spotless, not-to-be-laid-hold-of-for-blame implanted goal** (impartation of the finished product within; inward directive; or: irreprehensible commandment), **until the shining upon from** (or: the display in clear light of) **our Lord, Jesus Christ** (or: the manifestation pertaining to our Owner, Jesus [the] Anointed [= Messiah]),
15. **which, in its own fitting situations** (seasons; appointed occasions), **will exhibit and point out The Happy and Only Able One** (only Powerful One; alone Potent One)**: The King of those reigning as kings, and Lord** (Master; Owner) **of those ruling as lords,**
16. **the Only One continuously holding and having possession of immortality** (deathlessness), **the One continuously making inaccessible** (or: unapproachable) **light His home** (or: dwelling), **Whom not one of mankind sees, saw or perceived, nor is able or has power to see or perceive, in Whom [is] honor** (value; worth), **and eonian strength** (might having the qualities and characteristics of the Age; strength enduring through and pertaining to the eons). **It is so** (Amen)**!**

17. **Pass along the notice** (or: be announcing) **to those rich** (or: wealthy) **within the present age** (the current eon) **to not be habitually high-minded** (proud; arrogant; or: to ponder high things), **neither to have put expectation upon, and thus rely on, the uncertainty** (insecurity; non-evidence) **of riches** (or: wealth), **but rather, upon God, the One continuously holding all things alongside for us** (or: the One constantly offering and providing all thing to us) **richly, unto [our] enjoyment** (or: into beneficial participation; unto the obtaining of a portion to enjoy; [leading] into pleasure),
18. **to be habitually energizing goodness and working at virtue** (or: working profitably), **to continue being rich in beautiful deeds** (to continue wealthy in ideal actions and in union with fine works), **to be liberal contributors** (folks good with giving) **– folks having the qualities of community** (people who partner and are ready to share; folks who are fellow participants),
19. **constantly securing and laying away in store for themselves** (or: in themselves) **a beautiful** (fine; ideal) **foundation, into the thing being about to be** (or: unto [that which is] impending; = for the future), **to the end that they can from Being** (or: pertaining to essential existence) **receive upon themselves things pertaining to the Life** (or: so that in themselves they could lay hold upon the existing life; or: in order to lay claim to a way of being that is really life).

20. **O Timothy, guard and protect that which is placed beside [you]** (or: = the deposit laid up in trust), **constantly turning yourself out of the profane,**

empty voices (vacuous sounds; fruitless discussions) **and oppositions** (or: standings against in an opposing position; disputes; antitheses; opposing technical or theoretical arguments) **of the falsely named "knowledge" or "insight"** (or: even contradictions of the lie termed "Gnosis"),
21. **which some are continuously professing and making announcements upon. They miss the mark** (or: are without a mark), **swerving** (deviating) **around The Faith and trust.**

Grace [is] with you folks! (or: The unearned Favor [is] together with you!)

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