**God’s Design for the Church (1 Timothy)**

**Living as Servants Part 2**

**1 Timothy 6:1-2**

**Recap:**

* **Finish Chapter 1**
* **Finish Chapter 2**
* **Finish Chapter 3**
* **Finish Chapter 4**
* **Family Matters Part 1 (1 Timothy 5:1-2)**
* **Family Matters Part 2 (1 Timothy 5:3-16)**
* **Living as Servants Part 1 (1 Timothy 5:17-25)**
  + **Serve Well**
  + **Hold Each Other Accountable**
  + **When it comes to Spiritual Leaders and Ministry Leaders, never be hasty.**
* **1 Timothy 6:1-2**
* **Today we will continue our thought on Living as Servants and we will look at how status does not determine our identity in Christ.**
* **Slavery in the Old Testament: How People Became Slaves**
  + **Captured in War- Genesis 14:21**
  + **Sold into Slavery- Genesis 17:12**
  + **Born into Slavery- Gen 15:13**
  + **Restitution for Crime- Exodus 22:3**
  + **Restitution for Debt- 2 Kings 4:1**
  + **Self-Sale to Slavery- Leviticus 25:39-43**
  + **Kidnapping- Exodus 21:16**
* **Different Practices Among Gentiles and Jews**
* **Laws Governing Slavery**
  + **Jews could not enslave Jews for life- Leviticus 25:2**
  + **Released during the Year of Jubilee (7 Cycles of 7)**
  + **Female Slaves were protected- Exodus 21:7-11**
  + **Foreign Slaves part of the Nation- Exodus 12:44**
  + **Not basis of economy.**
* **Slavery in Roman Times**
  + **Not the same as slavery practice in southern U.S. in 18-19th century**
  + **Most were domestic slaves**
  + **Had a high degree of independence**
  + **Strong movement away from slavery as a social model.**
* **Slavery in the 1st Century Church: Why wasn’t it denounced**
  + **Passing Away as a Social System**
  + **Nothing to replace it.**
  + **Slavery was Temporary**
* **How does this apply to me as far as Living as a Servant.**

1. **New Identity in Christ-Matthew 27:57**
2. **Priest- 1 Peter 2:9**
3. **Household of God- 1 Timothy 3:15**
4. **Saved- Mark 16:16**
5. **Son/Daughter- Galatians 3:26-28**
6. **Beloved- 1 Thessalonians 1:4**

* **Our Task is to build the kingdom of God within whatever world order we find ourselves.**
* **The Only thing that will remain when Jesus Comes is the kingdom/church where all are free and gladly serve Jesus Christ.**