

BE CAREFUL

YOU ARE BEING WATCHED!

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INTRODUCTION

- A. *“Let as many as are servants under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and the doctrine be not blasphemed.”* v. 1
1. People caught on “security camera”. Didn’t know they were being watched.
 - a. Would they have acted differently if they had known?
 - b. Most would have.
 - c. People do things under the cover of darkness because they do not want to be seen.
 2. Remember the old TV show “Candid Camera”?
- B. Paul’s warning to Timothy because Christianity was new to the world.
1. People didn’t know what to expect.
 2. Did not know what Christianity was going to do.
 3. One of the best ways to know and to learn was to watch the action of the individual members.
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THEY WATCHED JESUS

- A. *“And it came to pass, when he went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him.”* (Luke 14:1).
1. Jesus was known.
 2. We are not told here why they watched Him.
- B. BUT SOME WATCHED FOR HIM TO MAKE A MISTAKE.
1. *“And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.”* (Mark 3:2).
 2. *“And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath; that they might find how to accuse him.”* (Luke 6:7).
- C. THE OTHER SIDE:
1. Those who knew Jesus watched to learn.
 2. To learn how to live.
 3. To understand and to know God. *“Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? He that hath seen me*

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hath seen the Father; ...” (John 14:8-9).

THE WORLD IS WATCHING

A. BE CAREFUL HOW YOU LIVE!

1. TO Timothy.
2. To all who are Christian.
3. We seem to live in a world that is looking for excuses not to serve God.

B. BE CAREFUL AS A SERVANT.

1. Not the same situation today.
2. But comparable in the work place.
3. What you do speaks for Christianity.

C. BE CAREFUL IN DOCTRINE. v. 3.

1. The basic message of the whole of 1st Timothy is to maintain the purity of the message.
2. Absolute Importance Because:
 - a. It is the power of God to save (Romans 1:16).
 - b. It alone can make man free. (John 8:32).
 - c. The “word” is able to save our soul. (James 1:21).

D. BE CAREFUL IN CONTENTMENT. (READ vs 6-10).

1. *“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content.” (Phil. 4:11).*
 2. *“Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have; for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.” (Heb. 13:5).*
 3. Be content with what we have....NOT WHAT WE ARE!
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YOU SHOULD

A. *“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal,” v. 11, 12a.*

1. FLEE:
 - a. From sin and evil.
 - b. The appearance of evil. (Romans 12:9) “abhor that which is evil”
2. FOLLOW:
 - a. Christ

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- b. Jesus' invitation is to "come and follow me." All the way to heaven.
 - 3. FIGHT:
 - a. Eph. 6. As a soldier of the Lord we are to fight the evil one.
 - b. It is a command.....Not an option.
 - B. THE GOOD CONFESSION.
 - 1. Made with the mouth.
 - 2. Exemplified by our life.
 - 3. He is our King and our Lord. v. 15.
 - 4. LIVE LIKE IT!
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CONCLUSION

- A. BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU PLACE YOUR TRUST!
 - 1. *"Charge them that are rich in this present world, that they be not high-minded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;" v. 17.*
 - 2. He has already warned us that *"the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil; which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows."* v. 10.
- B. IF OUR TRUST IS PLACE IN MAN:
 - 1. *"Thus saith Jehovah; Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart depareth from Jehovah."* (Jer. 17:5).
 - 2. Man may deceive and disappoint.
- C. IF OUR TRUST IS PLACED IN RICHES:
 - 1. *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal:"* (Matt. 6:19).
 - 2. "The Rich Fool". (Luke 12:20-21). *"Then Whose Shall These Things Be?"*
- D. IF OUR TRUST IS PLACE IN GOD!
 - 1. Psalms 1.
 - 2. *"Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jehovah, and whose trust Jehovah is."* (Jeremiah 17:7).
 - 3. *"For I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day."* (II Tim. 1:12).

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4. *“Wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”* (Heb. 7:25).
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