







Does the Bible Condone Slavery?

No, "Slavery" in the New Testament is Not Equivalent to the Wicked & Abusive Notions of Slavery in America's Past.

Servant = δούλος = Doulos

Servant, Attendant, Slave, Bondman, One Pledged to Another

^{2b} Teach and urge (insist on) these things. ³ If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness,

⁴ he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions

⁵ and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain,⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

**How Can We Be the
Valiant Protectors the
Gospel Deserves?**

Three Qualifications.

Look out for Falsehood.

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How Do We Recognize the Threat of False Teachers?

Their Actions

- They Teach a Different Doctrine
- They Do Not Agree with Sound Words of Jesus
- They Do Not Accord with Godliness

How Do We Recognize the Threat of False Teachers?

Their Character

- They are Puffed up with Conceit
- They Give No Evidence of Understanding
- They Crave Controversy & Quarrels.

How Do We Recognize the Threat of False Teachers?

Their Product

- Envy
- Dissention
- Slander
- Evil Suspicions
- Friction
- Untransformed Lives

Choose to Live in Contentment.

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Keep Watch over Your Desires.

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What Was Their Relationship to Money? Two Words.

"Love of Money" = A Very Specific Greek Word

- Outsized Longing
- Exceeding Preoccupation
- Dominating Appetite
- Aching Passion

What Was Their Relationship to Money? Two Words.

"Craving" = Only Used Twice Elsewhere in Bible

- 1 Tim. 3:1 If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he *desires* a noble task.
- Heb. 11:16 But as it is, they *desire* a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

What Threatens to Sit in the Place of God in Your Life?

Kick it Out and Live for Jesus.
