

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

1 Timothy 6:11-21

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. According to Paul, what are the six virtues that Christians should pursue?

Righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

2. Choose two of the virtues Paul named that you deem the most important and give a reason for your choices.

Faith. The righteous will live by faith in Jesus Christ.

Love. The 10 commandments and Jesus have commanded us to love, and many of the other virtues Paul listed depend on or flow from true love; love the way Jesus loved.

3. Why can we fight the good fight of faith with confidence?

Because of the promises of Jesus and the fact that God is with us and watching over us. We fight in His sight and He gives us life, including eternal life to the followers of Jesus Christ. We do not fight alone and we can use the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit in our fight of faith.

4. How did Paul describe God?

“God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever” (1 Timothy 6:15 & 16).

**5. Where should all believers, including rich believers, place their hope?
What does Paul command the rich believers to do?**

“In God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment” (1 Timothy 6:17).

“Do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share” (1 Timothy 6:18)

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