

CONSPICUOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING
1 Timothy 6:1-2

## Does the Bible Condone Slavery?

No, the Bible Can Describe Something without Advocating It.

Descriptive vs. Prescriptive Informative vs. Normative

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	S	ave	rv?	1	

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

Servant =  $\delta \tilde{o}\tilde{v} \lambda \tilde{o} \zeta$  = Doulos

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

<sup>1</sup> Let all who are under a yoke (attached. Bound to.)as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled.

<sup>2</sup> Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brothers; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their good service are believers and beloved.

## What Stands out about an Authentic Christian Witness? Three Qualities.

## Christians Don't Behave According to Their Circumstances.

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## What Kind of Person is This Master in Verse 1?

- · Unbelieving
- · Absolute
  - Master = δεσπότης = Despotes
  - · Unrestrained, Unrestricted Sovereign Authority
- · Unworthy

	How Can Christians Do This Hard Thing?	
	Because That's How God Treated Us.	
	Rom. 5 <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.	
	2 Cor. 5 <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be	
	sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.	
	Christians Give Themselves to a	
	Higher Priority.	
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	God's People Have Made a Pattern of Conspicuously Praising Him under the	
No.	Most Dire Circumstances.	
	1. Joseph	

Esther
 Job
 Daniel
 Paul & Silas

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Exce	ptio	ns fo	r The	ir W	itness.

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Are You Living a Conspicuous Christian Life?

There's World Changing Power in That Kind of Living.