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Slavery – All who are under the yoke

their masters – δεσπότης

despotés

despot

“An authority figure who exercises complete jurisdiction (wields unrestricted power) [possesses] absolute domination, confessing no limitations or restraints.”

Strong's Online Concordance

Understanding What Is Being Said:

When it comes to the issue of slavery in the Bible:

- It is descriptive and not prescriptive.
- Paul is calling for believers to focus on the greater issue:
 - God's Name
 - Biblical Teaching

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If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

Matthew 5:41(NIV)

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- Work even more faithfully to a "boss" who is a believer.

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- If you oversee/direct/supervise, you are responsible to take care of them.

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- There is no debate about this.

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1 Timothy 6:1-2 (TLB)

Christian slaves should work hard for their owners and respect them; never let it be said that Christ's people are poor workers. Don't let the name of God or his teaching be laughed at because of this.

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² If their owner is a Christian, that is no excuse for slowing down; rather they should work all the harder because a brother in the faith is being helped by their efforts.

Teach these truths, Timothy, and encourage all to obey them.



“I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast! And when I run I feel his pleasure.”
– Eric Liddell

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