

1 Timothy 6

LYRICS

www.DiDoReflections.com CCLI pending.
dedicated to our Lord, 29 January 2009
Album: Amazing Holy Spirit 'n' Church

VERBAL INTRODUCTION TO SONG

People have been hurting each other in churches and synagogues for 1,000s of years. But this song is NOT about US. (see page 2)
“Anyone who teaches anything different is both conceited and ignorant. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, fighting, slander, and evil suspicions.” - 1 Timothy 6:4

VERSE 1

I know all the whispers they think they have hid.
I have proof about all the gossip they spread. ___
It's NOT paranoia that's all in my head:
NO church ___ should HURT.

VERSE 2

I know I'm not perfect; I make no excuse.
I need God's great Spirit for many rescues.
I've tried to live holy, yet hear them accuse:
NO church ___ should HURT.

VERSE 3

Potential for sin does not mean I'll succumb.
God promised to help us and to Him I've come.
Romans 14 warns not to be stumbling blocks:
NO church ___ should HURT.

VERSE 4

First Timothy 1 links gossip with murder.
Colossians 1 shows God makes us holy.
Ephesians 4 shows the way Church should be:
NO church ___ should HURT.

VERSE 5

No church has hurt us like church men hurt Jesus. Yet
God warns “Forgive or I can't forgive you.”
Matt 6: 15 --- if we don't forgive, we trespass: NO
church ___ should hurt.

VERSE 6

I urge ev'ry hearer of God's holy Word: Don't
blame ev'ry person you think might be lured. Beg
God for discernment for your self and church: NO
church should hurt GOD..... WITH GOD's
Help CHURCH WO'NT HURT!

1 Timothy 6

VERBAL INTRODUCTION TO SONG

People have been hurting each other in churches and synagogues for 1,000s of years. But this song is NOT about US... or about any specific churches.

It is about how we hurt our GOD, sometimes *even using His name*.

The word "strife" is used several times to describe church families in the New Testament. For example, in First Timothy 6:4, the church fellowship was already being warned about church members who were, ---- quote, *"proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions."*

God is surely sorrow-filled when His people are like this. He tells us through Galatians 5:13b to 15, New King James Version: *"Through LOVE, serve one another.... You shall love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour one another, BEWARE, lest you be consumed by one another."*

Verse 20 even lists self-centered people like this along with those practicing witchcraft and idolatry.

The story within this song has been the story of 1000s upon 1000s of people --whether or not Christ-followers ---for 1000s of years. And the same pain has hurt our God. We often forget that although evil is the opposite of good, still Satan is not the opposite of God. God is all-powerful. Satan is not, and Satan longs to hurt God, so he has to do it by getting the people that God loves to hurt God Himself. And what better way to do it than by creating divisions and pain within any church body?

The final sentence of this song holds an important key: We must fervently pray for God's HELP so that Church will NOT hurt anyone – especially including our God Himself.

Song Story

I never planned to put the song NO CHURCH SHOULD HURT on the first CD album, "Amazing Grace 'n' Tears." I'd planned to make GREAT DANE FAITH the 12th song. But I worked and worked (and worked) for six weeks and just could not find either the exact melody or the chords that I liked for GDF, whose general melody and lyrics I had written six months earlier.

The date to begin CD mastering was only 2 weeks away, and the only other non-Lullabies song I had ready was NO CHURCH. I did not really want to publish this yet. I planned to wait until my 3rd album, when people I knew would be paying less attention and would not start asking "What happened –who hurt you in church?" (The answer being that pretty much *everyone* is hurt in a church at some point in time, because churches are full of people who make mistakes.) After much prayer, I decided to give in to what I felt was God's leading. NO CHURCH went on Album 1.

The story ends with more amusement: Within a few days after I had given in and recorded NO CHURCH for Album 1 and we started the final mastering process, I sat down at the piano and found great chords and progressions for GREAT DANE FAITH within an hour. God has a sense of humor.... :)