

FIGHT FOR GODINESS A STUDY OF 1 TIMOTHY



WARNING AGAINST HERESY & GREED 1 TIMOTHY 6:3-10,17-19





When we have little... Godliness with contentment leads to great gain.



1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10 NIV

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

"The problem with greed is it robs you of the capacity to enjoy what God has given you. And then you are never satisfied with what you have."

MARTIN LUTHER

PHILLIPIANS 4:12 NIV

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

"A Christian comes to contentment not so much by way of addition, but by way of subtraction."

JEREMIAH BURROUGHS THE RARE JEWEL OF CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT

1 TIMOTHY 6:3-5 NIV

If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, ⁴ they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions ⁵ and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

If Getting rich is your goal...

1. You cannot keep what you gained v.7 2. You forget the bounty of basic provisions v.8 3. You will encounter powerful temptations v.9 4. You may wander from the faith v.10 5. You likely will experience many griefs v.10





Money is a wonderful Servant, but a terrible Master

COLIN SMITH





When we have little... Godliness with contentment leads to great gain.



But what about when we have much?



When we have much... Godliness with discontentment leads to treasure in eternity.



1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19 NIV

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

The less you have the more important it is to be content. The more you have the more critical it is to be utterly dissatisfied with the things of this world. Christian contentment cuts both ways.

COLIN SMITH



Luke 12: 16-21



MATTHEW 6:19-21 NIV

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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