

I Timothy 6:3-10
The Love of Money

Godliness as a means of financial gain (3-5) – ***this is false teaching! (Hebrews 11:37-39)***

False teaching (II Corinthians 2:17) – ***peddling the Word for prophet? (II Kings 5:16)***

Friction (James 4:1-4) – ***covetousness leads to worldliness***

Fooled into believing a lie (II Peter 2:18-19) – ***enticed by the lusts of the flesh***

Godliness with contentment (6-10) – ***they are intertwined (Hebrews 13:5-6)***

Leaving as I came (Matthew 6:21) – ***you don't see a hearse pulling a u-haul***

Learning what is needed (Philippians 4:10-13) – ***many of our so-called needs are wants***

How critical for us to learn the secret of contentment

Love of money (Matthew 6:24 / Luke 16:13-15) – ***Loving God = loving people***

You will either use money and love people or love money and use people

Losing our faith (Deuteronomy 8:11-18) – ***so easy to forget where all my blessing are from. So easy to think I no longer need God.***

Discussion questions for I Timothy 6:3-10

Why does the motivation you have for serving God matter? (I Chronicles 28:9 / Jeremiah 17:10 / II Chronicles 16:9) ***God examines our motives and rewards or disciplines accordingly. If I'm serving for the wrong reasons, it hinders rather than grows my relationship with Jesus. Continuing to serve for the wrong reasons is evidence that I do not belong to God. (II Corinthians 13:5)***

What motivation do false teachers often use? (II Peter 2:18-19 / I Timothy 6:5) ***They appeal to the desires of the sinful nature. The most common and effective are money and/or sexual immorality. We are told to flee from the evil desires of youth (II Timothy 2:22 and from the love of money (I Timothy 6:11). We must be on our guard against these temptations.***

What example did men and women of faith leave for us? (Philippians 4:10-13 / Hebrews 11:13-16; 39-40) ***That no matter what our circumstances, Jesus gives us the strength to faithfully serve Him. That we should not expect the pleasures of this world – though often we enjoy them – but that serving our Lord is all that matters as we look forward to the rewards that will be ours in the afterlife. (Romans 8:18 / II Corinthians 4:16-18)***

What does it mean to be content and how can this be achieved? (Matthew 6:25-33 / Hebrews 13:5-6 / II Corinthians 8:2-5) – ***To know that God will meet all my needs and give me the strength to face any trials. To have our hope placed on the grace to be given us when Jesus returns. (I Peter 1:13) To see ourselves as aliens and strangers in this world as we live for what is to come. To practice generosity even when our own resources are limited, giving ourselves to the One who loves us.***

What is the danger of pursuing money? (Matthew 6:19-21, 24 / Luke 16:13-15 / James 1:9-10; 2:6-7; 5:1-6) ***It so easily becomes an idol, taking the place God should have in our hearts. It becomes our slave master, leading us to do things that our heavenly Father detests. It leads to being never satisfied (Ecclesiastes 5:10-12). It makes us feel independent from our God. It can cause us to be calloused toward those who don't have.***

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