

Dear Church,

Contentment and Hope
1 Timothy 6:6-19



Questions For Study And Community Group Discussion

***Before discussing these questions, groups are encouraged to read through 1 Timothy 6:6-19.*

1. In 1 Timothy 6, the Apostle Paul spends a lot of time talking about issues related to money. Why are finances such a difficult and sensitive topic to address?
2. Even though finances can be sensitive, understanding a biblical approach to money is important. Why?
3. Think specifically about contentment:
 - How would you define contentment?
 - Would you describe yourself as content? Why or why not?
 - Why can contentment be so elusive?
4. One way to invest in contentment is by pursuing the right bottom line. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-11, then answer the following questions.
 - What are the goals of the people described in verses 9-10? From your observations of these verses, why is this "bottom line" dangerous?
 - Look at verse 11. What bottom line does Paul tell us to pursue instead? How does this change of focus shape our character?
5. A second way to invest in contentment is by practicing the right habits. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19 before answering the next questions.
 - What commands does Paul give followers of Jesus Christ in these verses?
 - Look at just verse 18, where Paul commands the church to "be rich in good deeds" and show generosity. What might it look like to live out the commands in this verse, in your own life?
 - Read 1 Timothy 6:19 again, and Matthew 6:19-21. What do these verses teach us about WHY a biblical approach to finances is important?
6. Go back to the beginning of this passage and read 1 Timothy 6:6. Imagine you had to explain to someone how "godliness with contentment is 'great gain.'" Based on what you've learned from 1 Timothy 6, how would you help them understand this?
7. Review what you've learned from 1 Timothy 6:6-19. What is one practical take-away from this passage you can apply to your life this week? How will you apply it?
8. Challenge: Memorize 1 Timothy 6:6: "But godliness with contentment is great gain."



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Titus 1-3	2 Timothy 1-2	2 Timothy 3-4	Matthew 1-2	Matthew 3-4	Matthew 5-6	Matthew 7-8