



**God's House Series: Part 14: Godliness With Contentment, I Timothy 6:6-10,17-19**  
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**Intro:** Worrying less and enjoying more.

- How much money is enough to be content?
- How much stuff is enough to be happy?
- It's not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness. Charles Spurgeon

**Text 1:** 1st Timothy 6:2b – 5

1st Timothy 6:6 - 10

- Job 1:21 And he said, Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return....
- Psalm 49:16 – 20 ...for when he dies he will carry nothing away...

**I. Teachers Who Lose their Way/Mind—**

Like Teachers in CH 1 who misunderstood the proper use of the Law, these men misunderstand the goal of godliness.

Verse 9:

- Senseless- without comprehension; they've lost their minds and their way...
- Plunge into ruin and destruction

Verse 10:

- love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.
  - ◇ NOT money/things in and of themselves. Rather the elevation of material wealth, stuff, power and prestige over God and our spiritual family members.
- 1 Peter 2:11 abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.
- Matthew 6:13, lead us not into temptation....
- 2 Timothy 3:2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant...

**Text 2:** 1st Timothy 6:17 – 19

**II. The Rich, Don'ts and Dos—**

Don't:

- Don't be proud
- Don't trust in your wealth, because money isn't the measure of our lives or our importance, and can't be counted on in any ultimate sense.

DO:

- Do trust God who is the ultimate Provider
- Do good by being rich in good works and always being ready to share w/ others
- Do store up treasure in heaven

RG LeTourneau— an example of wealth, good works, and storing up treasure

- Luke 12:29 - 34
- 2Corinthians 9:6-11 enriched in every way to be generous in every way...

One of the easiest ways to determine if our heart is right in regards to wealth is to see how freely we give it away.

**Close—**

How much does it take for us to be content?

- V 8 If we have food and covering/shelter, we're content
- Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you.
- V. 17 ...nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

Ephesians 1:3-8

Ephesians 2:4-7

Romans 8:16-17

Philippians 3:7-8

Colossians 2:2-3

Hebrews 11:24-26

James 2:5

No one who has Christ is poor, Revelation 2:9

- Are we serving Christ, vocationally or on our own dime, because of the privilege of participating in what our Father and our Savior are about?
- If we experience financial reversal, do we still bless God?
- If we lose house and home, or our health, do we still love God?
- Do we see our greatest wealth in Christ, and our relationship w/ God our Father and those in the household of faith, or are we Prodigals, loving our Father's wealth and our Saviors stuff, more than we love them?

*Godliness is not about acquiring better and more material things; it is instead an active life of faith, a living out of covenant faithfulness in relation to God, that finds sufficiency and contentment in Christ alone whatever one's outward circumstances might be. Philip Towner*