



## **1 Timothy 6:6-11**

### **The Importance of Contentment**

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## **Godliness and Contentment**

### **1 Timothy 6:6-7**

But godliness actually is a means of great gain **when accompanied by contentment.** 7 **For** we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.

## **Love of Wealth Tempts Men**

### **1 Timothy 6:8-9**

If we have food and covering, with these **we shall be content.** 9 But **those who want to get rich** fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and **harmful desires** which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

## **What Will You Pursue?**

### **1 Timothy 6:10-11**

For the love of money is **a root** of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it **have wandered away** from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 11 But flee from these things, you man of God, **and pursue** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.

### Applications

1. We should understand that covetousness is where we long for something in the creation more than the Creator and His promises.
2. We must know that godliness and contentment always stem from believing the promises of God.

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### Covetousness: The Root of Sin

#### Romans 7:7

What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "**YOU SHALL NOT COVET.**"

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#### Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out **the desire** of the flesh.

#### Galatians 5:24

Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and **desires.**

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### The Folly of Covetousness

#### Proverbs 23:4-5

Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, Cease from your consideration of it. **5 When you set your eyes on it, it is gone.** For wealth certainly makes itself wings Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.

#### Proverbs 28:20

**A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.**

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## The Folly of Covetousness

### Matthew 6:19-21

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## The Remedy to Coveting: Trust God

### Hebrews 13:5

Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

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### Hebrews 11:8-10

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.