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# *INTRO*

*in subsets if needed  
(15 min)*

## **CARE**

Looking back on the last week,  
what is one thing for which you're thankful  
and one thing for which we can pray?

Pray.

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## **FOCUS**

Today we're placing our attention on 1 Timothy 6:3-19.  
Here we discover how to responsibly manage the resources God has provided.

Focus your time and attention on helping the group understand

- a) that God desires content people in a discontent world.
- b) that we are not only called to flee from sin but to pursue righteousness.
- c) that God desires wise stewardship and generosity from those who follow Him.

# READ

*and re-read*

## 1 Timothy 6:3-19

[3] If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, [4] he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, [5] and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. [6] But godliness with contentment is great gain, [7] for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. [8] But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. [9] But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. [10] For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

[11] But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [13] I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, [14] to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, [16] who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

[17] As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. [18] They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, [19] thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. (ESV)

# DISCUSS

(30 min)

| 1 |

What are the main ideas of these passage?

| 2 |

Verse 6 tells us that godliness with contentment is great gain.

What makes contentment so hard in our world today?

What does verse 7 teach us that might help us become more content people?

| 3 |

Have you ever known someone to wander away from the faith out of love for money?  
What does the idea of "wandering" connote about the journey of being led astray by the  
love of money?

| 4 |

Notice the juxtaposition of the words "wander" and "flee" in verses 10 & 11.

What are we instructed to flee from and to what are we instructed to pursue?

Why is it important to have an active pursuit in the process of fleeing from temptation or  
sin?

| 5 |

Towards the end of the passage, Paul reminds us that God is our ultimate provider.

Why is trusting God safer than trusting money?

Give some practical examples of ways in which we can trust God financially.

| 6 |

We are all called to be stewards of God's resources.

What are we commanded to do with God's resources in verses 18-19?

How can we "take hold of the life that is truly life?"

# *OBEY*

*(10 min)*

**| 1 |**

Are there any principles to apply or commands to obey from our passage today?

**| 2 |**

Is there something you need to do  
- and/or -  
someone you need to tell in response to what you've learned today?

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Prayer of Commission

