

**The Fight for Truth and Contentment**  
**Healthy Church**  
**1 Timothy 6:3-10**  
Southern Hills Baptist Church  
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**Introduction**

- Teach and Urge These Things (6:2b)

**The Fight for Truth (vs. 3-5)**

**The Profile of a False Teacher:**

- Their Teaching (vs. 3)
  - Their teaching is not consistent with the message of Jesus
  - Their teaching does not result in godly living
- Their Attitude (4a)
  - Those who teach things that are contrary to God's Word are proud and lack understanding.
- Their Actions (vs. 4b)
  - Those who teach things that are contrary to God's Word have an unhealthy desire for debate and controversy.
- Their Effect (vs. 4c-5a)
  - Those who teach things that are contrary to God's Word will cause division and fights
- Their Motivation (5b)
  - Those who teach things that are contrary to God's Word are motivated by selfish ambition

**The Fight for Contentment (vs. 6-10)**

- The Advantage of Contentment (vs. 6)
  - 1 Timothy 4:7-10
- A Picture of Contentment (vs. 7-8)
  - Philippians 4:10-13
  - Luke 12:13-21
- The Destruction of Desire (vs. 9)
  - Ecclesiastes 5:10-12
  - 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Spiritual Consequences of Discontentment (vs. 10)

**Application for Life**

- What is your view of truth? The world will try to convince you that truth is relative and that to believe in absolute truth is foolish. As Christians we must place our confidence and our trust in the Word of God. Do you believe that God's Word is true? Are you willing to stand up for truth even when it is unpopular?
- How do you view where you are in your life? What is your attitude toward your financial situation? Your family situation? Your work situation? Are you actively trying to honor God in your current situation or are you more concerned about where you want to be? God's desire for you is godliness, regardless of what you have or what you don't have.