

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: 1 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 1 Timothy 6:1-10 – godliness with contentment is great gain

Today’s Message:

“Content in Christ”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw how much God cares about souls and how His church cares for them. This letter to Timothy is like a perfect, ministry *handbook* to guide us in such care. Today, we begin our approach towards the completion of this book. Over the course of the next 4 weeks, we will learn to be content, faithful, generous and trustworthy. Our passage today is focused on the first – *contentment*. Now think about God’s **TIMING** of this truth considering what the world has been consumed with over the last few days! They are insane; we must be careful not to follow their madness. According to the word of God, *great gain* is not found in **MATERIAL** things or earthly stuff. Jesus Christ is **ENOUGH!**

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Timothy 6:1-10

#1. Good Attitudes – servants and employees must WORK as to the Lord. (1-2)

YOUR JOB AND EMPLOYER

Your Vocation
 All saved people are called to “full-time Christian service.” Your vocation (job) is to serve Jesus Christ.

- ✓ This applies to all **EMPLOYEES**. *Let as many servants as are under the yoke... Eph 4:1*
- ✓ Your work **ATTITUDE** matters. *Count... own masters worthy of all honor... Eph 6:5-8*
- ✓ Your work can *blaspheme*. *Name of God... his doctrine be not blasphemed. 2Cor 3:2*

BELIEVING MASTERS

- ✓ Believing employers should *not* be **DESPISED**. *Let them not despise them... Gal 6:10*
- ✓ They are family; do your **BEST** for them. *Brethren... do them service... 1Cor 10:31*

NOTE The primary purpose of your job is to support your ministry – family, church, and reaching the lost. For most Christians, your fellow workers are the greatest (and sometimes the only) exposure you have to unsaved people.

#2. Bad Teachers – unhealthy FRUIT comes from unhealthy people. (3-5)

WHOLESOME WORDS

- ✓ *Wholesome words* produce sound DOCTRINE. *Wholesome... words of our Lord...*
- ✓ *Wholesome words* produce GODLINESS. *Which is according to godliness...*

W1828 “Wholesome”
 Sound words; healthy words.

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IF ANY MAN TEACH OTHERWISE

Consent Not
Some people *reject* the word of God.
Some people *ignore* the word of God.
Some people *change* the word of God.

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"Doting"
To be sick in mind.

- ✓ They are **PROUD**. *Consent NOT to wholesome WORDS... He is PROUD... Job 41:34*
- ✓ They know **NOTHING**. *Knowing NOTHING, but DOTING about QUESTIONS...*
- ✓ They produce **EVIL** fruit. *Strifes of WORDS... WHEREOF COMETH... Mt 7:15-23*
 - **Envy** – *mortification or discontent excited by sight of another’s success*
 - **Strife** – *exertion or contention for superiority; opposition; contrariety*
 - **Railings** – *clamoring with insulting language; reproachful language*
 - **Evil surmisings** – *the act of suspecting; imagining upon slight evidence*
 - **Perverse disputings** – *the act of contending by words; controversy*
- ✓ They are **DECEIVERS**. *Supposing that GAIN IS GODLINESS...*

NOTE Contrary to popular preaching ("Prosperity Theology"), gain is NOT godliness.

#3. Great Gain – earthly wealth is TEMPORARY; Jesus Christ is eternal. (6-10)

THE LOVE OF MONEY

Question?
What has God revealed to you today about your own life?
Repent if needed.

- ✓ They that WILL BE RICH *fall into...* (A **DESIRE** to be rich is very dangerous!)
 - **Temptation...** *Gen 13:1-13; Num 22:17-19; Josh 7:11; 2Kings 5:20-27*
 - **A snare...** *Prov 1:19; 15:27; 20:21; 21:6; 22:16; 28:20-22; 2Pet 2:15,16; Jude 11*
 - **Many foolish and hurtful lusts...** *Isa 5:8; Amos 8:4-6; Zech 11:5; Jas 5:1-4*
 - **Which drown men in destruction and perdition.** *Mt 13:22; 19:22; 26:15*
- ✓ For the LOVE of money is the ROOT of all evil... (It can **MOTIVATE** all forms of evil!)
 - **Some coveted after...** *Ex 20:17; Jdg 17; 18; Rom 7:7; Col 3:5; 1John 2:15-17*
 - **Erred from the faith...** *Isa 1:23; 56:11; Acts 8:20; 2Tim 4:10; Titus 1:11*
 - **Pierced themselves through with many sorrows.** *Acts 1:16-20; 5:1-11*

NOTE "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world... lose his own soul?"

GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT

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"Content"
Rest or quietness of the mind in the present condition; satisfaction which holds the mind in peace, restraining complaint, opposition, or further desire.

- ✓ A **GREAT** gain = *godliness* (eternal) **WITH** *contentment* (internal). **Php 4:11-13**
 - 1) At death, **NOTHING** goes with you. *Carry nothing out.* **Heb 9:27**
 - 2) Food and clothes are your basic **NEEDS**. *And having food and raiment...*
 - **Food** – *whatever is eaten for sustaining human life; victuals; provisions.*
 - **Raiment** – *clothing in general; necessary garments for life and modesty.*
- ✓ The **GREATEST** gain = Jesus Christ **WITH** *contentment*.
 - 1) Jesus Christ is **ENOUGH**. **John 3:16, 36; 12:21; Eph 2:1-10; Col 1:27; Rev 1:18**
 - 2) In Christ, we have **ENOUGH**. **Mt 6:33; 2Cor 4:18; Php 3:20; Col 3:1-4; Heb 11:26**

NOTE The old song goes, "Give me Jesus." Saints, He is all we need! Amen. Amen.

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