

LifeGroup Questions
Based on: 1 Timothy 6:6-10
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Overview

Jim Elliot once said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." Do you believe in the truth behind this quote? A lot of times we think more about the temporary than we do the eternal. This can be seen in the decisions we make every day. We want immediate satisfaction rather than long term contentment. We are far too often willing to trade an eternity with God for the temporary pleasures of this world.

We can see this truth played out in the lives of Jacob and Esau. One day when Jacob was cooking some stew his brother, Esau, came in from hunting. Esau desperately wanted some of the stew and traded his birthright for some. This was a huge deal in the Old Testament. The first born son would have inherited 2/3 of the estate and been the ruler of the family. The rest of the siblings would have divided the remaining 1/3. Esau traded his future inheritance for a temporary bowl of soup.

Think of all the times Jacob is referred to in Scripture in the lineage of Jesus. God changed Jacob's name to Israel and he fathered the twelve tribes. God wasn't surprised by Esau's decision and obviously used it within His eternal plan. How many times today do we trade our finances for the temporary instead of the eternal?

If we were to audit your financial records would there be enough evidence to convict you of being a believer in Jesus? Have you traded eternity for a temporary bowl of stew? James 4:14 states the life is but a mist. Make sure you are investing in the eternal and not just buying into what we cannot take with us.

Bible Study: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

1. Read the passage. How does discontentment cause so many problems when it comes to finances?
2. This passage reminds us we can take nothing out of this world. If we really believed this to be true why do we work so hard for the temporary?
3. Being wealthy is not a sin. Nowhere in the New Testament does it say large amounts of wealth is sinful. In what ways can wealth become a stumbling block for faithfulness?

4. How do you know if you have a love for money or not?
5. How does money cause people to wander from the faith?