

True Contentment **1 Timothy 6:3-21**

What is true contentment?

- I. A contentment not dependent on material possessions
 - A. The folly of material acquisition (v. 3-7; Phil. 4:11; Job 1:21; Luke 12:15)
 - B. The result of the love of money (v. 8-10; Eccles. 5:10)
- II. A contentment not dependent on worldly comfort
 - A. Eternal life (v. 11-14; John 17:3; 2 Tim. 4:6-7)
 - B. Take hold (v. 12)
- III. A contentment seized through generosity
 - A. The command to give (v. 18)
 - B. The result of generosity (v. 19; Matt. 25:40)

Application Guide:

1. How has the love of money brought pain into your life? How have you experienced the insatiable nature of greed?
2. How are you tempted to seek contentment through a pain-free, comfortable life? In what situation do you need to take hold of Jesus no matter what the cost?
3. How has the false promise of contentment through more money, more stuff, and more comfort left you empty and unhappy? How is Jesus calling you to give?