

Illustrate with Money

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Power + Money = Corruption

Power + Money + Another's Hands = Corruption

Power + Money + My Hands = Transformation and Change!

1 Timothy 6

The equation begins with godliness.

Godliness + _____ = ?

Ungodliness destroys all gospel illustrations.

- 1 Timothy 6:3–5

The equation must add contentment.

Godliness + Contentment

- 1 Timothy 6:6–8

Discontent destroys the gospel in us.

- 1 Timothy 6:9–10
- Matthew 16:26
- 1 Timothy 6:6–11

Godliness + Contentment = Money Magnifying the Gospel

- 1 Timothy 6:17
- 1 Timothy 6:18–19
- John 3:16
- Mark 10:45

sermon discussion

RECAP THE SERMON

Spend a few minutes discussing the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Proverbs 30:7-9. Have you ever prayed a prayer like this? What things do you think are of most value to the writer of this proverb?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:1-5. Why might it be easy for false teachers to make a profit off people who are filled with “envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction”?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:5-6. What is the difference between the way the word “gain” is used in verses 5 and 6?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8. In what practical ways can the truths of these verses help you grow in contentment and avoid falling into the traps of greed?
5. What is the difference between saying, “Money is the root of all evil” and “The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil”? What kind of fruit is produced by a life rooted in the love of money?
6. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. In what concrete ways can you illustrate to people in your life that you have not placed your trust in money, but instead in the good news of Jesus?

GOING FURTHER

Memorize scripture: *But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.* 1 Timothy 6:6-7

Watch: Bible Project Video *Generosity*, a challenging video on how God calls his people to trust in His generosity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62CiiEkRCso>.