

BOLD: Be Content
1 Timothy 6:1-10

MAIN POINT: Pursue true godliness.

MAIN SCRIPTURE:

1 Timothy 6:1-2a (NIV): ¹All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered. ²Those who have believing masters should not show them disrespect just because they are fellow believers. Instead, they should serve them even better because their masters are dear to them as fellow believers and are devoted to the welfare of their slaves.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Galatians 3:26-28 (NIV): ²⁶So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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Romans 12:10 (NIV): ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

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1 Timothy 6:2b-5 (NIV): These are the things you are to teach and insist on. ³If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, ⁴they are conceited and understand nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions ⁵and constant friction between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

Proverbs 11:2 (NIV): When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

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Matthew 7:21 (NIV): ²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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Matthew 15:8-9 (NIV): ⁸“This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; ⁹in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”

Religious activity is not a substitute for faithful obedience and devotion to God.

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What is godliness?

SUPPORT SCRIPTURE:

1 Timothy 3:16 (NIV): ¹⁶Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

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1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV): ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

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