



LIVING FOR WHAT LASTS SERIES – 01
“The Danger Of A Divided Heart”
1 Timothy 6:1–10

CENTRAL TRUTH

The Christian must live faithfully in every circumstance while guarding his heart against false teaching, discontentment, and the love of money.

INTRODUCTION

What we believe affects how we behave.

I. THE TESTIMONY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE — vv. 1–2

“Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor...”

A. Respect Those in Authority

Christian faithfulness is demonstrated through respectful conduct.

B. Serve Without Resentment

Our circumstances do not excuse an unfaithful testimony.

C. Work for the Sake of the Gospel

“the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled.”

Our workplace, home, and daily responsibilities are opportunities to demonstrate the transforming power of the gospel.

II. THE THREAT OF FALSE TEACHING — vv. 3–5

A. False Teaching Rejects Biblical Truth

“If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

B. False Teachers Display Spiritual Pride - “He is puffed up...”

Knowledge without humility can become spiritual arrogance.

C. False Teaching Produces Spiritual Conflict

envy, dissension, slander, and evil suspicion.

Principle: *When truth is abandoned, relationships eventually suffer.*

III. THE SECRET OF TRUE CONTENTMENT — vv. 6–8

“But godliness with contentment is great gain.”

A. Godliness Is Greater Than Wealth

True riches are spiritual rather than material.

B. Contentment Recognizes What We Brought

“For we brought nothing into the world...”

C. Contentment Remembers What We Take

“We cannot take anything out of the world.”

D. Contentment Receives God's Provision

“But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.”

IV. THE TRAP OF LOVING MONEY — vv. 9–10

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.”

A. Wealth Can Become an Idol

Money is a useful servant but a terrible master.

B. Desire for Wealth Can Become a Snare

“Those who desire to be rich fall into temptation...”

The problem is not possessing money; it is being possessed by money.

C. Pursuing Wealth Can Produce Wandering

“Some have wandered away from the faith...”

D. Loving Money Can Produce Deep Sorrow

“And pierced themselves with many pangs.”

Paul is not condemning money.

He is warning against loving money more than loving God.

*When Christ is truly our treasure, contentment replaces covetousness,
humility replaces pride, and faithful service replaces selfish ambition.*