

The Path to Real Success

1 Timothy 6:3-10

Radically Ordinary

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³ If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, ⁴ he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions ⁵ and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For 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.

A Critical Problem

1. The problem with novelty
 - a) It ignores the foundational truths of the church
 - b) It is relies on the thinking of conceited and ignorant individuals
2. What to beware of
 - a) A delight in controversy
 - b) Quarrels

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3. Sure signs to look for
 - a) Strife
 - b) Malicious talk
 - c) Evil suspicions
 - d) Constant suspicion

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4. The Core Issue

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 - a) Their real focus is on money (5)
 - b) What they failed to see:
love of money is a root of all kinds of evil (10a)
 - c) They failed to recognize the enticement that wealth offers is the bait for temptation (9)
 - d) The love of money has led some to abandon the faith (10b)

A New Perspective

Godliness + Contentment = Great Gain

- What is godliness:

³³ BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL. MATTHEW 6:33

- Content with what?
 - Circumstances
 - Possessions

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- What is gained?

⁸ NOW THERE IS IN STORE FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL AWARD TO ME ON THAT DAY—AND NOT ONLY TO ME, BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE LONGED FOR HIS APPEARING. 2 TIMOTHY 4:8

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A subtle temptation:

Contentment + Godliness = Great Gain

A powerful reminder:

Contentment + Godliness = Great Loss

So What

- What do you place a priority on in your life?
- Is contentment a goal or a product in your life?
- What practical difference does your commitment to Jesus make in your life on a day to day basis?