



## FINDING CONTENTMENT

**BIG IDEA:** The family of God is called to model a different way of life to the outside world.

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 22 and Sunday, October 26, 2025

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19

## OPENING QUESTION

**What is something that makes you happy? What would most people say they need to feel secure and peaceful?**

## SETTING THE STAGE

Paul concludes his first letter to Timothy with a timeless charge for believers to recognize they are called to live transformed lives for Christ. Furthermore, the family of God is called to model this different way of living to the outside world. Paul calls Timothy and the believers in Ephesus to have the courage to do so. The same call from Paul extends to us today.

## STUDY THE BIBLE

### 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. <sup>7</sup>After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. <sup>8</sup>So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. <sup>9</sup>But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

<sup>11</sup>But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate, <sup>14</sup>that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. <sup>15</sup>For, *At just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords.* <sup>16</sup>*He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen.*

<sup>17</sup> Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. <sup>19</sup> By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

## DISCUSSION

### READ: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Paul asserts that the true sign of godliness is contentment. What does he consider necessary to achieve this state of contentment?

According to Paul, what happens to those who only desire to be rich? What does he state is the root or source of all this evil?

How does loving money lead to destruction?

### READ: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul exhorts Timothy to not only reject the false teachings in the church but also to flee from the false belief that wealth brings contentment. What qualities does he state that Timothy should instead pursue? What should he seek to possess?

The titles Paul bestows on God affirmed God's sovereignty. What characteristics of God does Paul emphasize in this passage?

What phrases does Paul use to remind Timothy of whom he serves?

How does worldly wealth compare to the riches of God's grace?

### READ: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

There is evidence that the Ephesian church included a sizable contingent of well-to-do believers. There were also slaves, widows in need, and people from all socioeconomic levels. What is Paul's concern with this well-to-do contingent? What advice does Paul offer Timothy for discipling them?

How do we show others that our faith isn't in our wealth? What is more important than building financial security?

## RESPONSE

*Circle up in groups of 3 and discuss these thoughts together:*

- In what area of your life do you currently lack contentment? (maybe your job, house, finances, friendships, family, faith, health, etc.)
- How can you pursue true contentment throughout your day? Do you tend to focus on the positives or the negatives?
- Commit to pray for one another this week in the pursuit of contentment and generosity