

Life in Community
A Content Community
1 Timothy 6:6-12

I. The Tricky Business of Being Content (6-8)

A. What is contentment?

1. Here – “self-fulfilled” OR Satisfied with where you are and what you have
2. Notice this is in reference to the material realm in the context of already possessing “godliness”

B. Why Should We Be Content?

1. We didn’t bring it in, and we can’t take it out
2. Contentment is the opposite of envy, greed, worry, and self-pursuit

C. With What Should We Be Content

1. Can we eat?
2. Can we be covered?

D. Why is this so hard?

II. The Slippery Slope of Greed (9-10)

A. Setting our will on wealth

1. Temptation
2. Snare/Trap
3. Foolish & Harmful desires

B. Setting our affection on wealth

1. Root of all kinds of evil
2. Becomes a burden rather than a blessing

III. Chasing after the Right Thing (11-12)

A. Flee from this!

B. We are always called to pursue something else – in this case:

1. Righteousness

2. Godliness (a place where we should not be “content”)

3. Faith

4. Love

5. Perseverance

6. Gentleness

C. Fight the good fight and take hold of eternal life

D. We should embrace the words of Agur
(Proverbs 30:7-9)