

False Teachers and True Contentment | 1 Timothy 6:3-10

3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Main Idea

True contentment can only begin once we rightly look at ourselves in light of scripture.

False Teachers | 1 Timothy 6:3-5

- a. Their Teaching
 - i. AFFIRM things NOT in scripture
 - ii. DENY things IN scripture
- b. Their Attitude
 - i. Arrogant
- c. Their Fruit
 - i. Envy
 - ii. Dissension
 - iii. Slander
 - iv. Evil Suspicions
 - v. Constant friction
 - vi. Depraved in mind
 - vii. Deprived of truth
- d. Their Motive
 - i. Monetary gain

True Contentment | 1 Timothy 6:6-10

- a. Is satisfaction in God's provision
 - i. 4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. - 2 Corinthians 3:4-6
- b. Accompanies godliness

- i. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. - 1 Corinthians 15:9-10
- c. Is great gain
 - i. 19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.- Matthew 6:19-21