

"God's Peace for Perplexing Problems: No Fear of Finances"

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 October 6, 2015

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Prayer Requests & Opening Prayer

1. What was your first paying job? What was the pay?

Read verses 6-10.

2. How is the life of one who follows verses 6-8 different from the one in verses 9-10?

3. Share stories you've heard from the news about the lives of the rich and the lives of the poor.

- Without using names, share stories of people you've known who are wealthy and those who are poor.
- What have you experienced in terms of having much wealth, little wealth, or somewhere in between?

4. What is the "great gain" in "godliness with contentment" (verse 6)?

5. Have you been tempted to be a "lover of money" (verse 10)? What was the experience like?

6. Is there a difference between enjoying money and being a lover of money? How fine is the line between the two?

Read verses 17-19.

7. When have you felt most content in your life? Was it because of the financial wealth you had, something else, or some of both?

Closing Prayer

Giving God, teach us true wealth. Teach us true gain. Teach us the infinite riches of investing in the building of your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven through doing good deeds and being generous and willing to share. Help us lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that we may take hold of the life that is truly life. Thank you, Generous God, for our vocation as Christians: "The pay isn't much, but the benefits are out of this world!" In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.