

“God’s Protective Tool”

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Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, Your Word urges us to be thankful in all situations. That’s not always easy when our situation is so hard. But we know that You are always there, and we are so thankful for that. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to be with us, to remind us of all your promises, to comfort us, to show us when our thoughts are turning to our troubles instead of to You. Help us, Lord, to have an attitude of gratitude every single day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Message Notes

Ecclesiastes 5:10

The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain. This also is vanity.

I Timothy 6:7-10

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Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Study Questions

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. When you hear the word *contentment*, what comes to mind?
2. Can you think of a time when you felt truly content, even if you didn’t have much? What made that possible?
3. If you suddenly won a large amount of money, what would be the first thing you’d want to do with it?

Based on 1st Timothy 6:6-10, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read **1st Timothy 6:6-10**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. What does Paul mean by “godliness with contentment,” and why does he call it “great gain”?
2. How does verse 7 remind us about the temporary nature of material possessions?
3. In verse 8, Paul names “food and clothing” as sufficient for contentment. What does this reveal about his perspective on needs versus wants?
4. What dangers does Paul warn about for those who *desire* to be rich (v. 9)?
5. How does the “love of money” differ from simply having money or possessions (v. 10)?
6. Why do you think Paul calls the love of money “a root of all kinds of evils” rather than *the* root?
7. What are some modern examples of people being “pierced with many pangs” because of greed or materialism?
8. How might contentment be practiced in a culture that constantly encourages us to want more?
9. In what ways can pursuing wealth cause someone to “wander away from the faith”?
10. How can Christians cultivate a heart of gratitude and contentment in light of this passage?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. How can you practice contentment in your current season of life, even if circumstances aren't ideal?
2. What habits or attitudes might help you guard your heart from the love of money?
3. In what ways can you use your financial resources to honor God rather than serve selfish desires?
4. What changes could you make this week to simplify your life and focus more on eternal priorities?
5. How can you encourage others—family, friends, or your church community—to find joy in godliness rather than in possessions?