

July 20, 2016
“Financial Contentment”
1 Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-21

- I. The Truth *“But godliness with contentment is a great gain”* (6)
 - A. Our Lord *“godliness”*
 - B. Our Lack *“For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out”* (7)
 - C. Our Lesson *“But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these”* (8)

- II. The Danger *“But those who want to be rich...”* (9)
 - A. The Description of Such People *“want to be rich”*
 - B. The Temptation They Embrace *“...fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction”* (9b)
 - 1. The temptation to test God
 - 2. The temptation to withhold tithes and offerings
 - C. The Origin of Their Problem *“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil...”* (10a)
 - D. The Deviation That Results *“...and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains”* (10b)

- III. The Warnings (17-21)
 - A. Warning against Self-Importance *“Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant”* (17)
 - B. Warning against Self-Sufficiency *“or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy.”* (17b)
 - C. Warning against Selfishness *“Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, willing to share”* (18)

D. Warning against Short-sightedness *“Storing up for themselves a good reserve for the age to come, that they may take hold of life that is real”* (19)

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