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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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1 Timothy 6:3-10

## **“False Teachers: Doctrines & Dollars – Part Two”**

- I. The Prologue (1:1-20)
- II. The Body (2:1-6:19)
  - A. Paul’s Instruction concerning Conduct in the Church (2:1-3:16)
  - B. Paul’s Instruction to Timothy concerning His Personal Ministry (4:1-6:19)
    - 1. Timothy’s Attention to Himself and His Teaching (4:1-16)
    - 2. Timothy’s Relationships with Groups in the Church (5:1-25)
    - 3. Paul’s Final Instruction to Timothy (6:1-19)
      - a. Timothy’s Instruction to Slaves (6:1-2)
      - b. Timothy’s Awareness of False Teachers (6:3-10)
        - 1) Characteristics of False Teachers – v. 3, 5
        - 2) Consequences of False Teaching – v. 4-5
        - 3) Contentment from True Teaching – v. 6-8**

- 4) Consequences of a Lack of Contentment from false teaching – v. 9-10**

## Discussion Questions:

1. Review question: In 1 Tim. 6:5 Paul says that these false teachers “suppose that godliness is a means of gain.” What kind of gain is he referring to here? What biblical passages might they distort to come to that conclusion? What biblical passages clearly show that they are wrong? Have you ever believed that your “godliness” would obligate God to give you something? Is God obligated to bless us with health & wealth if we live a godly lifestyle? What is the root problem with this belief system?
2. What examples do we have today of people trying to turn “religion” (godliness) into great personal gain? Why are people so quick to believe these false teachers? Why are they so lacking in discernment? What are they hoping to gain from these false teachers? How would “contentment” help us be more discerning as to false teaching?
3. List some of the “great gains” we can experience when we have godliness accompanied by contentment. How can we daily encourage ourselves and others to value & pursue these great gains instead of the worldly gains promised by false teachers? What biblical truth reinforces this world-view?
4. What is the powerful truth in v. 7 that Paul uses to drive home his point about contentment? How did this truth help Job when he was tempted to believe he lost everything because he wasn’t godly (Job 1)? Based on the truth of v. 7 what should our perspective be toward material wealth? Share an example of how you have struggled to maintain this perspective and/or how you have had victory. What made the difference?
5. According to v. 8 what do we really need? Why are most Americans not content with those things? What are some of the influences that make us want more and more and more? How can we minimize our exposure to those influences and maximize our exposure to truth that produces contentment?
6. According to v. 9 what are the consequences of wanting to be rich? What are some temptations that might come our way in the pursuit of being rich? What kind of daily compromises are people making in their businesses in order to get rich?
7. Do internal desires to become rich seem foolish and harmful at the time? What are some examples of physical, mental, financial, social, and spiritual ruin and destruction that can come from the pursuit of these desires?
8. Verse 10 is one of the most misquoted texts in all of Scripture. How do some people quote it? Is money evil? Is having money evil? Is having lots of money evil? If not, then what is the true problem? What is the great spiritual tragedy that sometimes accompanies the love of money?
9. What is a “steward?” How does understanding the fact that you are a steward and not an owner help you with contentment? What verses of Scripture (truth) can you memorize to help you develop a greater awareness that you are a steward and help you be content with what the Lord gives you to manage for His glory?
10. Quit Claim Deed. List below all of the things that you will release ownership of to the Lord. Tell Him that you know longer see these things as “yours” but they truly belong to Him. Ask Him to make you a good steward of these things for His glory and the advancement of His purposes.