

Earthly Gain or Eternal Satisfaction (1 Timothy 6:2c-10)

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² . . . Teach and preach these *principles*. ³ If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, ⁴ he is conceited *and* understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, ⁵ and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, **who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.**

⁶ But **godliness actually is a means of great gain** when accompanied by contentment. ⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. ⁸ If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Context . . .

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A. The Seven Qualities of False Teachers:

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and does not agree
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those of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and with the doctrine conforming to godliness,
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B. The Six Qualities of Contented Christians:

1. Contented Christians know their _____.

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Review Questions

1. Have you strayed into any of the practices of the false teachers? Which of these will you confess and turn from?
2. Search your heart. Have you allowed yourself to become overly focused on money or other earthly gains?
3. What wrong thinking must you put off and what right thinking must you put on in order to reorient yourself?
4. What practical steps will you take to prove to yourself and to God that you do not love money?
5. Please share with others the changes you plan to make, and ask someone to keep you accountable.