

When Generosity is Easy 1 Timothy 6:6-19

When I pursue real contentment. 1 Timothy 6:6-8

"But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment" (v.6)

II Corinthians 8:3-5

- Learn God's view of things: they are fragile and temporary
"For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either." (v.7)
Ecclesiastes 5:13-15
- Learn God's view of our real needs
"If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content." (v.8)
Proverbs 30:7-9; Job 1:21-22

When I avoid the signs of discontentment. 1 Timothy 6:9-10

- One Sign: My personal and professional life is a mess from foolish and harmful desires over money.
"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" (v. 9)
- Second Sign: My spiritual life is a failure and painful because I love money.
"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." (v. 10)

When I manage my money God's way. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

- My view of money – humbly accept how uncertain and disappointing it can be
"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches..." (v.17)
James 2:1-4; Matthew 19:16-26; Proverbs 23:4-5; 28:11
- The source of my money – it comes from God to enjoy
"...but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy"
Deuteronomy 8:18; I Samuel 2:7; I Chronicles 29:12; Psalm 50:10-12
- The purpose of my money – do good, be generous and ready to share
"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share (v.18)
Generous =
Ready to share =
- The results of my money – A life that has real value and meaning for eternity
"storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed" (v.19)
Matthew 6:19-21

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose" -Jim Elliot

Digging Deeper:

Experiencing a life of generosity is one of the great privileges as a child of God. From today's passage, the Apostle Paul concludes with this verse: *By being generous believers are "storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed."* | Timothy 6:19

Being generous is taking hold of the real life that God has called us into. We are living like God, who is abundantly generous. And He wants us to enjoy the beauty of that kind of life.

The front of this outline offers three ways to make generosity easy.

LifeGroup Discussion:

Paul says, *"godliness is actually a means of great gain..."* In Paul's day, the churches of Macedonia reveal a generous and godly life. Read II Corinthians 8:1-5.

- In verse 2: What challenges were those believers facing?
- In verses 3-4: And yet, how did Paul describe their generosity?
- In verse 5: What must first take place to live that kind of generous life?
- How have you seen this kind of life lived out?
- What is a healthy view of money according to Proverbs 30:7-9?

God does not favor the rich or the poor. He finds value in both. Job was one of the wealthiest men in the world. Job 1:1-3

- What healthy attitude did Job have on his wealth according to Job 1:21-22?
- Does that describe your view as well, regardless of how much or little you may have?
- What danger is there in pursuing wealth in Proverbs 23:4-5? Have you ever seen that occur?
- Paul offers a proper management of our wealth in I Timothy 6:17-19. What principles should guide you from these verses?
- What can you do to be *"ready to share"* with others? Conversely, what causes us to not *"be ready to share"* with others?

Next Steps:

Attend a Generous Living Event in February

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- **Financial Peace University | Wednesdays through April 13 | 7:00 pm in W-209**
Learn the practical aspects of how to beat debt, find bargains, invest for the future and more. Check out the FREE preview class this **Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm.**
- **Estate Planning + Living Trust Seminar | Saturday, February 27 | 8:45 am - Noon in Fellowship Hall**
Learn about estate planning, living trusts, and how to pass on a legacy that blesses and does not hurt loved ones.