

1 Timothy
The Gospel, Godliness, and The Church
Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain
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A General Overview

- 6:2b-10 Contentment
- 6:11-16 Faithfulness
- 6:17-21 Generosity

It has only been in the last 300 years or so that ambition has begun to be seen as a virtue rather than a vice.

The Standard of Christian Belief (Orthodoxy) in 1 Timothy 6

6:1, 3	The teaching
6:3	The sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ
6:5	The truth
6:12, 21	The faith
6:14	The commandment
6:20	The deposit entrusted to you

John Stott The teaching (in Ephesus) is false because it deviates from apostolic teaching, which is sound (healthy) instruction.

Application from the Sermon

1. If an intimate familiarity with the gospel is the only hope of understanding your past, present, and future, then protect the purity of the gospel as if your life depends on it – because it does
2. Contentment and godliness go together like faith and works –pursue both
3. Prepare for the day of your death so that you might live to the full

Scripture Associated with the Message

2 Timothy 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Philippians 1:29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

John 15:20 Remember the word that I (Jesus) said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. 21 But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

Philippians 4:10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

14 Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. 15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. 16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. 18 I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.