

MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR FINANCES

1 Timothy 6:6-10

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INTRO:

1. The financial impact of the pandemic
2. The formula of financial peace

A. EQUATION #1: GODLINESS

1. Controversial views of finances
2. Corrected view of finances

B. EQUATION #2: CONTENTMENT

1. The explanation of contentment (Philippians 4:11-13)
2. The examples of contentment
 - Distinguish the temporal and the eternal. (1 Timothy 6:7; Colossians 3:2)
 - Determine a reasonable standard of living. (1 Timothy 6:8)
 - Delight in the things and the circumstance God has given you (1 Timothy 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
 - Desire the higher good (1 Timothy 6:10; Hebrews 13:5)

C. EQUATION #3: GREAT GAIN

1. Increase in responsibility. (Luke 16:10)
2. Increase in riches. (Luke 16:11)
3. Increase in reward. (Luke 16:12)

CONCLUSION:

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

A. WELCOME

According to *Pew Research Center*, roughly half of non-retired adults say the economic consequences of the coronavirus outbreak will make it harder for them to achieve their financial goals. In what way has this affected you or to someone you care about?

B. WORD

1. Read 1 Timothy 6:3-6. In this passage, Paul was encouraging a young pastor named Timothy about the relationship with Christians and money. In what way the passage reveals how money has affected the early church? How does this passage reveal many controversies surrounding money these days?
2. Paul says in 1 Timothy 6:6, *“But godliness with contentment is great gain.”* Why did Paul place *godliness* first before contentment and great gain? How do we apply godliness especially in the area of finances?
3. Read Philippians 4:11-13. Contentment is inner joy, peace and confidence no matter what the circumstance is. Contentment is not something that God gives, but a Christian virtue we need to learn. How did Paul show the principle of contentment?
4. Part of the context of his sermon, Pastor Alan Dionson shares how we can practice contentment in our lives. Read the following principles and reflect on how we can apply this in our own lives:
 - Distinguish the temporal and the eternal. (1 Timothy 6:7)
 - Determine a reasonable standard of living. (1 Timothy 6:8)
 - Delight in the things and the circumstance God has given you (1 Timothy 6:9)
 - Desire the higher good (1 Timothy 6:10)
5. Read Luke 16:10-12. From this passage, what are the ways God gives us ‘great gain.’

C. WORK

Close the Life Group by sharing with each other what steps are you going to take in applying the Biblical formula of: Godliness + Contentment = Great Gain.



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