



PURSUE TRUE RICHES

It seems fitting that Paul would close out this letter to his “son” and student in the faith, Timothy, by talking about contentment. Being content is difficult in a world where everything becomes old in short order and the shiny new things are constantly paraded before us. As soon as we get the newest thing, others have already moved on to something else. We are blessed and cursed by being in the richest nation on earth. We can do more good than ever and buy in to getting more just to have it. It’s crucial to be reminded that what we have is for the glory of God.

Read 1 Timothy 6:3–10, 17–19.

TALK ABOUT IT

What messages did your family communicate about money, possessions, saving, and generosity?

Where do you see or feel the temptation of “godliness as a means to financial gain”?

What is the difference between genuine contentment and simply settling for less than God wants for your life?

Paul reminds us that we brought nothing into the world and can take nothing out of it.
How should that truth affect the way we spend, save, and give?

What are some warning signs that money is becoming an object of love, identity, security, or hope?

Why is it difficult for most of us to think of ourselves as wealthy?

How does comparing ourselves to people who have more affect our gratitude and contentment?

According to verses 17–19, Paul says not to trust in money which is unreliable.
When have you experienced that or seen it happen to others?

APPLY IT

Who is someone that has modeled being “rich in good deeds” and “generous and willing to share” to you?

Which area is God asking you to examine right now: your spending, saving, contentment, generosity, or dependence upon money?

[Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.](#)

How does Jesus’s generosity change giving from an obligation motivated by guilt into a response motivated by grace?

PRAY

Thank Jesus for his generosity toward us and pray to be generous like him toward others.