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**Great Gain**  
**1 Timothy 6:6-10**

**I. Accept that Godliness with Contentment is Great \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)**

- A. Be \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt. 5:48; 1 Pet. 1:15-16; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Eph. 1:3)
- B. Be \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phil. 4:19; Psa. 23:1; 2 Cor. 9:8)

**II. Acknowledge that what You have was \_\_\_\_\_ to You (v. 7)**

- A. You brought \_\_\_\_\_ into the world  
(1 Cor. 4:7; Job 1:21)
- B. You can take \_\_\_\_\_ out of the world  
(Eccl. 5:15; Matt. 6:19-21)

**III. Appreciate that the Basic \_\_\_\_\_ of Life are Enough (v. 8)**

- A. Are you thankful for \_\_\_\_\_?  
(Matt. 6:11, 31-33)
- B. Are you thankful for \_\_\_\_\_?  
(Matt. 6:31-33)

**IV. Avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ of Longing for More Money (vv. 9-10)**

- A. Falling into \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt. 6:24; Prov. 30:8)
- B. Getting caught in a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov. 22:7)
- C. Having foolish and harmful \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov. 28:20)
- D. Being plunged into ruin and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Matt. 13:22)
- E. Becoming the \_\_\_\_\_ of all sorts of evil  
(Josh. 7; 1 Kgs. 21; 2 Kgs. 5)
- F. Causing you to \_\_\_\_\_ from the faith  
(2 Tim. 4:10)
- G. Piercing yourself with many \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prov. 23:4)

**TAKE HOME**

- Consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s mercy and the absence of eternal punishment.
- Consider the encouragement to seek the things that are \_\_\_\_\_, where Christ is.
- Consider all the helps in the world as little good \_\_\_\_\_ we get a good temper within our hearts.
- Consider the creatures that suffer for us; why should we not be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to be serviceable to God?
- Consider that we have but a little \_\_\_\_\_ in this world.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placertachurch.com](http://placertachurch.com).

1. Read Philippians 4:11-13. Are there circumstances which presently exist in your life that make being content a challenge? How are you dealing with this reality?

2. Read 1 Timothy 6:3-5. What is Paul warning Timothy about as we look at the context of our passage? Are there similar situations going on like this today? How do you protect yourself from being taken advantage of?

3. Read 1 Timothy 6:6. What does this verse teach us about attaining great gain? Consider the cross references (2 Cor. 3:5, 9:8; Phil. 4:19). Explain how holiness leads to happiness in your own life.

4. Read 1 Timothy 6:7. What other verse in the Bible does this one remind you of? Read Matt. 6:19-21. How do these two passages relate? How can you practically apply these principles in your life?

5. Read 1 Timothy 6:8. How can you better express true gratitude for your food and clothing?

6. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Which one of these seven dangers of longing for money have you fallen into? How do you plan on getting out?

7. Review the five considerations to attain contentment adapted from Jeremiah Burroughs’ *Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*. Which one of these considerations was most helpful for you? How do you plan on applying that principle this week?

*“Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.”*

- Jeremiah Burroughs, *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*