

FOR RICHER, FOR POORER
Doing Church God's Way, Part 10
August 21st, 2011

1 Timothy 6:3-6; also see 1 Timothy 1:3-7

Godliness & contentment are the two ingredients for great gain

We need to change our thinking - it's not about what we have or don't have

Five Closing Principles To Live By

1. The gospel isn't a "product" that fixes all of life's problems – vv 5,6

"The problem with selling Christianity that way is once life happens, and it happens to all of us, and once problems, trials and struggles come, you want to exchange the Christian product for something else that works." David Gozit

Many want and are looking for a magic genie God

1 Timothy 6:6-9

2. It's all about our desires, not about our possessions vv 9,10

The Bible isn't anti-possessions; the Bible warns against a mindset, i.e. the love of money and stuff

Hebrews 13:5,6

3. Remember the location of your true home and riches vv 11-12

Remember the principle of Replacement v 11

To free yourself from the financial traps, you must remember this earth isn't your home

Our real home is in heaven
Philippians 3:18-20 & Philippians 1:27

We know how much we pursue material things, but how much do we pursue godly things?

1 Timothy 6:13-16

4. We can't take it with us, but we can send it on ahead vv 17-19
Matthew 6:19-21

We are told to invest in those things that pay eternal dividends

5. This kind of lifestyle is a daily fight under a generous general v 12

Thinking eternally is not a one-time decision but a daily decision

1 Timothy 6:17

Remember where your "stuff" came from
Matthew 6:33

Philippians 4:10-13

Key is learning contentment - whatever the situation

3 Questions To Consider

1. Is my identity found in what I have or don't have?
2. Is my security found in what I have or don't have?
3. How am I using what I have to advance God's Kingdom? v 18

Haggai 1:5,6, 9-11

When we live God's way, we have a contentment we'll never find on our own

My Next Step Today Is:

- My prayer, "God, thank you for what you have entrusted to me, teach me to be content."
- To ask God to help me remember where my true home is and to invest my resources into those things that last for eternity
- I want to be baptized at the beach on Sunday, August 28th
- I can't make the beach baptism, but I would like to be baptized on Sunday, Sept 18th
- I am interested in learning more about working with New Hope and South Bay Community Services on putting food boxes together on Tues, Sept 13th