

Read the Word: 1 Timothy 6:3-21

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how to pursue godliness, generosity, and contentment rather than riches.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Watch Out for False Teachers (1 Timothy 6:3-5)

APPLY: Identify false teachers by comparing their teaching to what the Bible says.

- *Why is it important to measure every teaching, even from respected leaders, against the Bible? What dangers come when we don't?*
- *Why should we exercise caution and discernment when someone introduces a "new" way to interpret the Bible?*

APPLY: Identify false teachers by their self-centered attitudes and actions.

- *According to verses 3-5, what attitudes and actions might false teachers display?*
- *Paul connected false teaching with unhealthy desires and pride (verse 4). Why do you think pride so often lies at the root of false teaching?*



Key Truth: Be Content With What God Supplies and Focus on Godly Living (1 Timothy 6:6-16)

APPLY: Be satisfied with what God provides for you, whether little or plenty.

- *Why do riches and material gain ultimately fail to satisfy the human heart? (We tend to want the next new possession that comes out; riches and possessions do not meet our deepest needs for relationship with God and purpose for living; etc.)*
- *How can a believer intentionally practice contentment? (Live on a budget; be thankful for what God has already supplied; refuse to keep up with those who buy the newest and latest stuff; be generous and give to others in need; etc.)*

APPLY: Focus on pursuing godly virtues.

- *According to this passage, how does a person pursue godliness rather than merely avoid sin? (Focus on knowing and walking with God; seek to be like Christ; live according to God's Word; etc.)*

APPLY: Seek to live spotless and blameless.

- *What do you think it looks like for a believer to live spotless and blameless today?*



Key Truth: Trust in God, Not in Riches (1 Timothy 6:17-21)

APPLY: Set your hope and trust in God, not in riches and possessions.

- *Why is it better to place our trust in God rather than in money or possessions?*
- *How can wealth—whether much or little—shift our sense of security away from God, even when we say we trust Him?*

APPLY: When possible, be generous to people in need and advance God's kingdom.

- *How does trusting God free us to be generous? (We don't feel the need to hold on to more money for security; etc.)*
- *What does it look like for a Christian to be generous with his or her wealth and possessions?*

Build a foundation: Discussion questions for elementary age students.

- *What is contentment? (A peaceful satisfaction with what you have. It doesn't depend on circumstances.)*
- *Who is discontentment from and what can it lead to? (Satan and temptation)*
- *How is discontentment seen in our world today?*
- *What are some ways you can fight against discontentment and dissatisfaction?*

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **2 Peter 3:18.**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Money is not the root of all evil, but the love of money is, according to 1 Timothy 6:10.

Everyday Extras:

Re-read 1 Timothy 6:6 together and discuss what contentment means (the peaceful satisfaction for what we have). Ask your child to name the things he or she wanted for Christmas and talk about if he or she is thankful for them. Often the greatness of the things we want quickly wears off. Remind your child of the difference between true needs and the things we think we need. Often, many of us say, *"I need"* something when in reality it is something we actually want. Use this week as an opportunity to be aware of how God meets our needs and take time to be thankful for His blessings.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Daniel was an important helper to King Darius. This made the other helpers jealous so they tricked the king into making a law that people could only pray to him. Daniel kept praying to God even when he knew the punishment for breaking the law would have him thrown into a lions' den. **Daniel knew God Helps His Children.**