

In what ways do we see people in our world, including us, ensnared by riches or the desire for wealth?

**Read 1 Timothy 6:3-21**

1. How does Paul describe those who do not agree with the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ (v3-5)?
2. What motivation were false teachers giving for leading a Godly life (v6-8)? What is a better motivation for godliness (v9-16; see also 1 Tim 4:8)?
3. “Godliness with contentment is great gain” (v11). What is the secret of genuine Christian contentment?
4. What is the great gain (v11)? What is the corresponding loss caused by a love of money (v13-14)?
5. How can we encourage one another to be more content and avoid a love for money?
6. What should Timothy flee from (v15)? What should he pursue? Why?
7. What encouragements does Paul give to Timothy to help him fighting the good fight of faith (v16-19)?
8. What attitude do rich people often have to their riches? The future? Themselves?
9. What is a more Godly attitude to riches or material possessions? The future? Other people?
10. Are you struggling with dealing with wealth at present? If so, what aspects of your life are causing this and how might you change them?
11. How could the certainty of the future appearing of Christ shape your behaviour and decisions this week?