



## Godliness with Contentment (I Timothy

### 6:1-21)

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### ☑ Bondservants

☑ A bondservant is a slave who has volunteered to stay in the household of his master after seven years when, by law, he was permitted to go free.

☑ The law of the Hebrew Servant:

☑ *“If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and **in the seventh he shall go out free** and pay nothing. If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. **If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out by himself**. But if the servant plainly says, **‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,**’ then his master shall bring him to the judges. He*

*shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall **pierce his ear with an awl**; and he shall serve him forever.” Exodus 21:2-6 NKJV*

- ☑ If you love your master you can decide to stay.
- ☑ You would have to leave your wife and children behind if the wife was originally given to you by your master.
- ☑ But, if you love them too much and you love your master, you can commit to stay forever.
- ☑ The Master then pierces you as a sign of your permanent commitment. You are “yoked” to him forever.
- ☑ This is precisely the decision Y’shua made in the Garden when He asked His Father if there was any other way. There was not; He would have needed to surrender His bride (you), so He chose to stay and get pierced.
- ☑ Following this law is how you *“Honor the name of God and His doctrine.”*
- ☑ **Serving Leaders**
- ☑ Just because your master is also a believer, you are not to assume that the “good Christian thing for him to do” is to release you.

- ☑ Quite the contrary, as his servant, you should serve him all the more. Think about it from God's perspective. A Christian "master" is benefiting from having an amazing Christian servant!
- ☑ Besides, you will be treated as part of the family, not as anything less.
- ☑ This, Timothy is what you MUST TEACH.
  
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- ☑ **If you teach otherwise...**
  - ☑ The only way to consent to wholesome words and correct doctrine is to teach this way. Can you see that what I just taught is the doctrine straight from Moses. And this is what Christ was doing.

- ☑ This godliness thing is a main theme and it can only be obtained if you lose your pride and empty yourself of doing things your own way. Not even Y'shua would do things His own way, so why do you think you can?
- ☑ **It cannot be said any better than the words of Y'shua Himself!**
- ☑ *“I do not receive honor from men. But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God? **Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?**”* John 5:41-47 NKJV
- ☑ *“Jesus answered them and said, **My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know **concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.** He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but **He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true,***

*and no unrighteousness is in Him. **Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?**”” John 7:16-19 NKJV*

- ☑ Anyone who thinks or teaches otherwise is destitute of truth and is using their perverted definition of godliness for their own personal gain. Run away from these people

## **Godliness**

“Now **godliness with contentment is great gain**. For we brought **nothing into this world**, and it is certain we can **carry nothing out**. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. **But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare**, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil**, for which some have **strayed from the faith in their greediness**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” I Timothy 6:6-10 NKJV

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- ☑ **Godliness**

- ☑ Godliness is holistic integrity. That means your spirit, soul and body are in complete alignment with all things God! Every aspect of your life, your mind, will, emotions, intentions, inspiration, health, finances, relationships, prayer life, devotion, ministry, etc. are in complete integrity with Yahweh's will!
- ☑ *"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."* I Thessalonians 5:23-24 NKJV
- ☑ **Contentment**
- ☑ It should be apparent that the only way you will ever be satisfied as a believer is when you are living in this place.
- ☑ **Great Gain**
- ☑ This is what true riches are, as opposed to living for personal gain!
  
- ☑ *"For we brought **nothing into** this world, and it is certain we can carry **nothing out**. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content."* I Timothy 6:7-8 NKJV
- ☑ **Right Priorities...**

☑ Look around you. Go ahead and try to gain the whole world. All the riches and toys. You cannot take it with you! You should be able to find joy simply because you are a child of God. Everything else is a bonus and all you really need to be content is a life in Him.

☑ *“Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: **I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”**’ But God said to him, ‘**Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’** “So is he **who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.**””* Luke 12:16-21 NKJV

☑ *““Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things **the Gentiles seek**. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **But seek first the kingdom of God and His***

***righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*** Matthew 6:31-33 NKJV

☑ *“But those who **desire to be rich fall into temptation** and a snare, and into many **foolish and harmful lusts** which drown men in destruction and perdition. For **the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil**, for which some have **strayed from the faith in their greediness**, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”* I Timothy 6:9-10 NKJV

☑ **The “desire” to be rich...**

- ☑ This is such an important concept. There is nothing wrong with wealth and abundance. These are blessings from the Lord, when they are obtained in a righteous manner.
- ☑ How so? When riches are not the goal of your life, but instead are the byproduct a righteous life.
- ☑ When wealth is generated within God’s will and used to build His Kingdom, they are a blessing. When they are motivated by greed and personal fulfillment, they are a curse, and money then becomes the root of all sorts of evil.

## **Fight the Good Fight**

“But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing, which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of Lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.” I Timothy 6:11-16 NKJV

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#### ☑ **Run away!**

☑ If you are tempted by the riches of the world and it feels like it’s for personal reasons, run! Instead pursue godly things. They will offer you permanent satisfaction, not the

stuff that will be left behind for someone else. You never see a U-haul following a hearse!

☑ *“**Fight the good fight** of faith, lay **hold on** eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the **presence of many witnesses.**” 1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV*

☑ **Fight the good fight!**

☑ This is very important for leaders to understand, and it will be a battle. Just look around at how many leaders in the Church got off track, their priorities shifting to the things the world could offer. You see it all the time and the end result is destructive for themselves and those whom they've led.

☑ Keep your life out in the open in the presence of many witnesses. It is a great safety net to stay pure!

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☑ **My prayer for you...**

- ☑ Do exactly what I am teaching you. Don't make it up, and don't think you can ever shift off course even a tiny bit. It will never work out well.
- ☑ Y'shua is the ONLY ruler to follow; He the King of all kings; and He is the Master of every other leader!

**If you were already rich!**

**“Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge— by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.”**  
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☑ **For those who come into this teaching who are already wealthy...**

☑ Teach them to shift their priorities. It's understandable that they had no clue prior to coming to the faith, but now that they are in the faith, they will need change directions.

☑ **Don't be haughty...**

☑ Don't act like you are superior because you are rich. God controls it all. And even before you knew Him, He was the one who made you capable of obtaining wealth in the first place.

☑ ***““And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it **is He who gives you power to get wealth,** that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” Deuteronomy 8:18 NKJV***

☑ **Trust in God, not riches...**

☑ The riches of this world can dissolve in a moment. Don't put your faith in them. Put all your faith in God!

☑ **Use your wealth to do good things for the Kingdom...**

- ☑ And now you know why He made you rich. It was always to support Kingdom activities.

☑ **Give and share...**

- ☑ Give away what you have and share what you've gained as God leads.

- ☑ *“O Timothy! **Guard what was committed to your trust**, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge— by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.” I Timothy 6:20-21 NKJV*

☑ **Guard what was committed to your trust!**

- ☑ I'm signing off for now. Bottom line, guard what you've been assigned like it is the most precious thing in the universe. And avoid getting tangled with others who are preaching anything else. It's a complete waste of time because they are not even in the same faith nor representing the same God!

**NEXT TEACHING**

Power, Love & a Sound Mind (II Timothy 1:1-18)