

## LESSON - 1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NIV based)

THEME - Contentment

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Q: What is your purpose in life? What are you working the hardest at, spending the most time at achieving? What is the main thing you seek out of life? goals? (Matt. 6:21 where treasure -> heart also)

Illus: show newspaper clippings of new car, van, home

Q: What is the # 1 worldly pitfall today for you and I as believers?  
A: materialism

Last lesson - To avoid becoming false teachers, you and I must hold sound doctrine, promote unity & harmony in the church, & align our values with God's will.

READ 1 Timothy 6:6 - find out God's will for our life's goals

v.6 "godliness with contentment" - ("a means of" (NAS)) "great gain"  
"CONTENTMENT" = GRK #841 "self-satisfaction; sufficiency; contentment"

IN THIS LIFE, WE MUST DESIRE AND PURSUE GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT.

Appli: completely honest with ourselves - ? what truly desire, pursuing?  
? content with what we have -or- always want more

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Q: ? You may ask "What's wrong with pursuing financial/material wealth as long as it does not consume us?"

READ v.7 financial/material wealth - only temporary, no eternal value in & of itself

IN THIS LIFE, WE MUST DESIRE AND PURSUE GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT  
BECAUSE MATERIAL WEALTH IS ONLY TEMPORARY.

Appli: WE ? investing a majority of our time/efforts in - temporal  
material things -or- eternal  
? after physical death, how important will financial/material  
wealth be?  
? after physical death, how important will the things we should  
have done for God be?  
unsaved ? gain whole world - loose soul Matt. 16:26

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Q: How much is enough? How much should we be content with? Where are we to draw the line? Where does God draw the line of contentment?

READ v.8 material contentment - have food & clothing (2 primary essentials to maintain life)

“CONTENTMENT” = GRK #714 “be enough, suffice, be sufficient”

“HAVE” = GRK #2192 “continued possession”

“CLOTHING” = GRK #4629 “clothing” (NIV); or “covering” (NAS)

IN THIS LIFE, WE MUST DESIRE AND PURSUE GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT BECAUSE MATERIAL WEALTH IS ONLY TEMPORARY AND FOOD & CLOTHING ARE THE ONLY MATERIAL THINGS WE REALLY NEED.

Appli: WE ? truly satisfied, thankful - food, clothing, covering -or- inner drive to acquire more; insecure with what we have ? trust God -> supply all our needs Phil. 4:19

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CONCLUSION:

WE

- ? realize material wealth is temporary - no eternal value -- devoting our time to the wrong pursuits
- ? satisfied with having just food & clothing/covering -or- want more
- ? desiring & pursuing godliness with contentment

Big Idea: IN THIS LIFE, WE MUST DESIRE AND PURSUE GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT BECAUSE MATERIAL WEALTH IS ONLY TEMPORARY AND FOOD & CLOTHING ARE THE ONLY MATERIAL THINGS WE REALLY NEED.

----- Greek word definitions (quoted) -----

For 1 Timothy 6:6

“CONTENTMENT”:

GRK #841. “self-satisfaction, i.e. (abstr.) contentedness, or (concr.) a competence:-- contentment, sufficiency.”

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For 1 Timothy 6:8

“HAVE”:

GRK #2192. "to have, to hold, i.e., to have and hold, implying continued possession, trans. 1. Particularly and primarily to have in one's hands, to hold in the hand. 2. Generally and most frequently to have, to possess externally, in one's possession, power, charge, control. 3. Spoken of what one is said to have in, on, by, or with himself, i.e., of any condition, circumstance, state either external or internal in which one is -- generally of any obligation, duty, course; of sin, guilt; lawsuits -- of any condition or affection of body or mind -- particularly of things which one has in, on, or about himself, including the idea of to bear, carry, e.g., in oneself, as in the womb, to be pregnant -- speaking of garments, arms, ornaments upon oneself, i.e., to bear, to wear -- in the sense of to contain, i.e., to have within oneself. 4. Metaphorically and intensively, to have firmly in mind, to hold to, hold fast -- generally of things -- by implication, to hold for or as, to regard, to count. 5. The mid. echomai, to hold oneself upon or to, to adhere to."

**"FOOD":**

GRK #1305. "nourishment:--food."

**"CLOTHING":**

GRK #4629. "(a covering; perh. akin to the base of G4649 through the idea of noticeableness); clothing:--raiment."

**"CONTENT WITH THAT":**

GRK #714. "appar. a prim. verb [but prob. akin to G142 through the idea of raising a barrier]; prop. to ward off, i.e. (by impl.) to avail (fig. be satisfactory):--be content, be enough, suffice, be sufficient."

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