

Sunday, September 4th

Title: “Cravings and Contentment”

Text: 1 Timothy 6:3–10; 17–19

Series: *1 Timothy: How to Church*

1. Teaching against Jesus springs from pride (vv. 3–5).

Teach and urge these things.

³ *If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness,*

⁴ *he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions,*

⁵ *and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.*

2. Trusting in Jesus brings contentment (vv. 6–8)

⁶ *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

⁷ *For we brought nothing into the world, and^[e] we cannot take anything out of the world.⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.*

3. Craving earthly riches leads us away from Jesus (vv. 9–10)

⁹ *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.*

¹⁰ *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.*

4. Godliness and Earthly Riches can Coexist (vv. 17–19)

¹⁷ *As for the rich in this present age, charge them*

*not to be haughty,
nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God,
who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.*

¹⁸ *They are to do good,
to be rich in good works,
to be generous and ready to share,*

¹⁹ *thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*