

1 Timothy

Lesson 9 — Understanding Godliness (6.3-19)

As Paul brings his letter to Timothy to a close, he ends the letter by reminding Timothy to live a godly life. Godliness, properly understood, extends into all facets of our lives: doctrine (6.3-4), contentment (6.6), interaction (6.11), faithfulness (6.14). The Holy Spirit identifies a love of money as being a direct competitor to godliness (6.10,17), so a large portion of Paul's instruction focuses on placing wealth in a proper, godly perspective.

- 1) What is a "different doctrine"?
A) _____
- 2) What was the motive of the false teachers Paul had in mind in chapter 6?
A) _____
- 3) What is contentment?
A) _____
- 4) What has the ability to lead us away from the faith?
A) _____
- 5) To maintain our share in "the faith", what must we pursue?
A) _____
- 6) Is godly living important? Isn't that what repentance is for?
A) _____
- 7) The proper view of wealth is as a tool to further _____?

THOUGHT QUESTIONS:

- 1) What are some unique challenges that present themselves to the rich?
- 2) The Holy Spirit makes sure Timothy knows he is to teach on these matters — why might that be difficult? How might I respond to such teaching?