

Financial Planning

(1 Timothy 6)

I. 6-8: Prosperity For
Those Who Are Not Rich

1 Tim.6:6

- Formula for joy:

GODLINESS

CONTENTMENT

GREAT GAIN

- Godliness: true reverence, respect for God, 4:7-8.
- Contentment: wise man's independence of circumstances, Ph.4:11-12.
- Great gain: thought godliness was way to become rich, v.5.

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- Why is contentment so important?
- Consider its opposites –
 - Anxiety, Mt.6:24ff. Ps.23
 - Murmuring, 1 Co.10:10
 - Greed, Hb.13:5
 - Envy, Ja.3:16

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- How to learn contentment?
 - 7, proper view of eternity. Job 1:21.
 - 8, gratitude for necessities of life.
 - Food, nourishment.
 - Covering (includes house).
 - Many seek something 'out there' that will bring happiness.
 - Contentment comes when we STOP striving for more.

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Will – wish, long, desire, determine (2:8)

- Warning: not rich alone but ALL who SEEK to become rich.
- They will fall into . . .
 - **Temptation**: lured into a trap. Josh.7:21
 - **Snare**: getting caught in the trap; escape is almost impossible . . .
 - **Foolish / harmful lusts**: cords that hold the victim in the trap.
 - **Love of money (10)**: fondness of silver [bait].

Love of money leads to . . . (v.10)

- A root of all [kinds of] evil. Ec.1-2
- Wandering from the faith. Ac.19
- Many sorrows. Mt.13:22

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III. 11,17-19: Protection
For Those Who Are Rich

1. Flee! 11

- 1 Co.10:14, “Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.”

2. Do not be arrogant, 17

- High-minded.
- Pride, snobbishness have no place in life of Christian.
- Dt.8:17. (Dn.4)

3. Do not trust in wealth, 17

- Money is uncertain.
- Money does not satisfy / make happy.
- True trust is in God.
 - Enjoy His blessings, but trust HIM, not THEM.
 - Mt.19:24.
 - Mt.6:21.

4. Do not be selfish, 18

- Do good. 3 Jn.5-8.
- Rich in good works. Lk.12:21.
- Ready to impart. Ac.4:32-37.
- Ready to share. Lk.12:16...

5. Results, 19

- Real treasure. Mt.6:19; Mk.10:21.
- Real life. Lk.12:18.