

1ST EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY “A Faithful Ministry”

Lesson 6 “Love of Money and Fighting the Good Fight” I Timothy 6 v3- 21

♥ **Group Opener:** *(Choose a question for your Life group to discuss.)*

1. What was your first job? How much did you get paid?
2. Growing up did your parents tend to overprotect you or push you beyond your limits? How would you deal differently with your own children?

♪ **Worship and Waiting on God:**

Have someone in your group prepare to lead in worship. If you don't have someone to lead worship then why not use one of the worship DVD's as an aid? (Integrity's 'Worship @ home' is ideal for this.)

✦ **Group Facilitator** –*It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select ones that will stimulate the most response from your group:*

1. What is the “great gain” in “godliness with contentment (v6)?
2. What is dangerous in wanting to be rich (see especially v 9-10)?
3. How do you think the desire for wealth could cause you to “fall into temptation and a trap” ?
4. Who serves like Paul as your spiritual ‘coach’?
5. What is Timothy told to flee from? What is he told to pursue (v 11)?
6. What spiritual struggles is Timothy going through? How similar to Timothy's are your struggles?
7. If the Christian life is like a good fight (v 12), how are you doing: Still in training? Bobbing and Weaving? Winded? Other?
8. What is Paul saying to people who have plenty of money, particularly in verses 17-19?
9. What from this passage will help you to “guard what has been entrusted to your care” (v 20)?

✓ **Selah (Stop and Think about it):** *(Take the time to make personal application in this section. Have each member share with the group.)*

- When have you struggled most financially?
- Is there a difference between enjoying money and being a lover of money?
- What grade would God give you for verse 11? Verses 18-19?

- Who in your life may be a “Timothy” for whom God would have you to be a “Paul”?

Ω Prayer Take time to share answers to prayer and then pray for the needs of your Life Group members.
Pray for any in your group who have something they are struggling with and would like prayer and support.

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