

## 1 Timothy 6:3-21 The Route to all Evil

1. Which do you think is better in this world: to be rich or to be poor? Why?

### Read 1 Timothy 6:3-16.

2. How is the topic of money introduced into Paul's argument?

3. Where is the gain in godliness (cf. 1 Tim 4:8)?

4. From the following verses, what kinds of dangers does money pose for us?

Deuteronomy 8:10-17

Psalm 49:16-20

Ecclesiastes 5:8-12

Mark 10:17-27

1 Timothy 6:9-10

5. How is Timothy to avoid the traps of riches?

6. Verses 13-16 highlight for us why the temptations of riches are so worthless. What is Jesus' confession before Pilate and how does it help us keep a right perspective on riches? (also see John 18:33-37)

### Read 1 Timothy 6:17-21.

7. What attitude do rich people often have to: riches?

the future?

themselves?

8. What is a more godly attitude to: riches/material possessions?

the future?

other people?

### Implications

If you were stripped of your wealth and had only food and clothing left, could you be content? Why or why not?

What does it mean to be content? (Also see Philippians 4:11; Hebrews 13:5.) In what areas do you feel discontent?

Are you struggling with desiring wealth at present? If so, what aspects of your life are causing this and how might you change them in the light of this passage?

Are you a generous builder of God's Kingdom? If not what changes can you make?

### Give thanks and pray

Give thanks for God's blessings (whether material or spiritual) upon your life. Ask God to help you to be generous with what he's given you.

Ask God to bless you with real contentment, and to give you a heavenly perspective in every part of life.