

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Message Series: Think Biblically

Message Title: What Do You Want?

1 Timothy 6:6-10 - *But godliness with contentment is great gain.*

⁷ *For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.* ⁸ *But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.* ⁹

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Two possible mindsets:

1. I want _____

2. I have _____

_____ + _____ = _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Timothy 6:6-10

1. How has your life, for better or worse, been impacted by the American Dream?
2. In what ways are we like, and unlike, Adam and Eve when it comes to biting into what the world says will give us more?
3. How have you seen the "I want more than I have" mindset bring great pain into your life or the life of other loved ones? What has that taught you? Has it changed your attitude and behaviors when cravings for more come your way?
4. Why is simply knowing you have more than you need not enough to keep you from wanting more than you have? What more does a person need to keep from wanting more than they have?
5. List as many upsides as you can of downsizing your wants to the basic necessities of life. How does seeing these upsides motivate you?
6. How do you want this message focus to impact your life in the near and distant future?