

Adult Bible Study – July 27, 2025

Large Group

1. How would you define contentment?
2. Where do most people look for contentment?
3. Is contentment easy to have? Why or why not?

At your table

Read:

⁶ "Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. ⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. ⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows." 1 Timothy 6:6-10 NLT

1. How can money draw us away from our faith in God?

(See also Ecclesiastes 5:10: "Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!")

2. Where is true contentment found (1 Timothy 6:8)?

(See also Hebrews 13:5: "Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.'")

3. How can we avoid being "trapped by harmful and foolish desires" (1 Timothy 6:9)?

(See also Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.")

(See also Matthew 6:19-21: "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.")

Read:

“¹¹ But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.” 1 Timothy 6:11-12 NLT

1. Does this list of things to pursue (vs 11) remind you of another Bible passage? Which things in this list do you struggle with the most and why?

(See also Galatians 5:22-23: “But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”)

2. From the Galatians 5 passage, what is the key to pursuing the things mentioned in 1 Timothy 6:11?

3. How do we “fight the good fight for the true faith” (1 Timothy 6:12)?

(See also Hebrews 12:1-2; “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.”)

(See also Ephesians 6:10-12: “A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.”)

4. How can we “hold tightly to the eternal life that God has called you”? (1 Timothy 6:12)

(See also Colossians 1:29: “That’s why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.”)

(See also Hebrews 10:23: “Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.”)

5. Have you “declared this before many witnesses”? (1 Timothy 6:12)

6. How can we be better witnesses?

Large Group Debrief

What stood out to you today from these Scriptures?

How can we put into practice what we learned today?