

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 31

1 Timothy 6

Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 6:10 (NASB95): 10 For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Talking points:

Verses 1-5

-Even when we read scriptures that go against our laws and culture, we can still get truth and principle out of them. What goodness, direction and principles can you get out of verse 1 and 2?

-In verse 3 in the NASB bible it talks about conforming to Godliness. What does that look like in your life and the life of other believers? Do we just look to attain Godliness for heavenly attaboys or is there more to it? If so, what?

-What are the negative characteristics or fruit stated in verse 4 and 5 when arguments and debates are encouraged and nourished? Are these of the Spirit or of the flesh?

-The depraved person Paul speaks of in verse 5 thinks "Godliness is great gain" what is Paul referring too? Do we still see this today? How do we guard against these people and falling into the same trap ourselves?

Verse 6-11

-How is Godliness with contentment great gain? How do we attain it?

-In verse 7 Paul refers to the beginning and the end of our lives. What is he trying to teach in this one sentence?

-What is Paul's measure of need to be content? Is this a timeless teaching or specific for his time? How is that viewpoint different in the believer's life in the 21st century?

-After reading verse 9 look up James 1:14-15. Then tell me, is a desire for riches a Godly desire?

-Is a wealthy Christian an evil thing or righteous? Does it have to do with the money or their intent?

-Verse 10 Paul states "that the Love of money is the root of all sorts of evil" Is this verse speaking to everyone? Is covetousness just a rich person's disease?

-In verse 10 he gives us a mental picture of a person piercing themselves with many griefs. So, is he saying those people are inflicting themselves with sorrow and grief outside the will of God for their lives? Are there times in your life that you have needlessly caused grief for yourself?

-In verse 11 he tells us to “flee from these things”. What are some practical steps we can take to flee from these dangers and “pursue righteousness, Godliness, Faith, love, perseverance and gentleness”?

Verse 12-16

-What does Paul’s charge to Timothy look like in your own life?

-After reading verse 13-14. Was Paul just giving a personal command or was he giving a word from God to timothy?

Verse 17-19

-When God blesses someone with riches. What is the harvest he expects from the seed he has sown in them?

-Is the Lord blessing you financially something you should pray for?

-Does God give tremendous blessings to foolish people?

Verse 20-21

How do we guard our blessings from God? Are we also in danger of going astray?