

THAT ELUSIVE VIRTUE CALLED – “CONTENTMENT”

(1 Timothy 6:6-12)

A. THE ADMONITION AGAINST LUSTING FOR RICHES (1 Timothy 6:6-10)

1. Paul underscored here that true success is _____ and _____, not material and outward. (v. 6)

2. In our very materialistic society- it is a tough thing to swallow that life begins and ends with the _____ of material _____. (v. 7, cf. Job 1:21; Psalm 49:16-17; Eccles. 5:15)

3. The apostle’s exhortation to all believers is that we ought to enjoy the basic necessities of life, _____, _____ and _____. (v. 8)

4. Those who have the MINDSET that they crave to be rich (v. 9) ...
 - a. fall into _____ and a _____

 - b. fall into many _____ and _____ lusts (Gk. *epithumia*)

 - c. and the end result is, that these lusts _____ them into great _____ and perdition.

5. *Not* money, but the LOVE of MONEY is the root of all kinds of evil, and believers are not exempt from this (v. 10) ...

a. some Christians, in their _____ have _____ from the faith

b. other Christians have _____ themselves through with an all-consuming _____.

B. THE ADMONITION FOR THE PURSUIT OF GODLINESS (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

1. The Bible-believing Christian who is walking with the Lord should run from these things, but at the same time pursue (v. 11) ...

a. *righteousness*

b. *godliness*

c. *faith*

d. *love*

e. *patience*

f. *gentleness*

2. Going against what the world wants you to do, calls for a battle against lethargic Christianity (v. 12)

a. You are to _____ the good _____ of faith

b. You are to _____ in _____ of eternity