

# Do You Love God Or Money?

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[1Ti 6:3-5 KJV]

**3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, [even] the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;**

**4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,**

**5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.**

- There are those within the church that teach “otherwise.” Do not be gullible when it comes to spiritual teaching.
- Any doctrine that is does not teach godliness is not of Jesus. True Biblical doctrine intends holiness and godly living in lives of the hearers.

Jude 1:3-4

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort [you] that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- “doting” - to be infected with a disease or to be obsessed
- We are to withdraw ourselves from such people.
- Godly living often does result in prosperity, but we should never mistake prosperity for godliness.

**1 Timothy 6:6-8**

**6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

**7 For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out.**

**8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

- It is godliness that should be the pursuit of our lives. EXAMINE YOURSELF!

Psalm 37:16

“A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.”

Philippians 4:11-13

“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, [therewith] to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how

to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

- Are you content?

#### **1 Timothy 6:9-11**

**9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and [into] many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**

**10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

**11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.**

- This is a matter of the heart.

#### Matthew 6:24

“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

- The love of money will lead you into temptation and is the root of all evils.

- Run from covetousness, but pursue godliness.

#### **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

**17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**

**18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;**

**19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.**

- Do you trust in riches or a living God?

#### Matthew 6:19-21

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

***“When a man becomes a Christian, he becomes industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now, if that man, when he gets all he can and saves all he can, does not give all he can, I have more hope for Judas Iscariot than for that man!” - John Wesley***