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- Where does that universal need come from?
- How does this fallen world resist our finding our significance in a restored relationship with our Maker? What does it offer instead?
- What is your *personal* biggest battle with the world?
- Fill in the blank:
I'll be content when _____ ?

Vs. 9-10 > Greed's Snare

- Pursuing contentment by amassing wealth is a dangerous trap because contentment can't be bought.
- Contentment is the result of obtaining *significance*. Significance comes by being who and what we are created for > God. That is why Paul says it is GREAT gain.
- Pursuing wealth leads to ruin. Pursuing God leads to significance and contentment.
- What are some examples you know where greed led to ruin?
- Spend some time in your group talking about the relationship between significance and contentment.

Discussion Points for “Finding Contentment”

1 Timothy 6:3-10



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As the Apostle Paul lays bare the motives of false teachers he speaks about being content.

What does “*contentment*” mean to you?

What is the aim of most advertising? How do advertisers go about getting us to buy what they are selling?

Discussion Points

Vs. 3-5 > A Description of False Teachers

- Those who *intentionally* deviate from The Gospel and God’s Word are; proud, ignorant, argumentative, envious, factious, disrespectful, suspicious, vain, and corrupt. They may not exhibit *all* of these traits, but at least some.
- The end of verse 5 reveals their ultimate motive. They *use* religion for personal gain. The word “godliness” here is the generic word for piety/religion. “Gain” refers to *material* profit, usually money. False teachers are scammers, frauds, posers who use an *appearance* of being religious for self-promotion. They are “cons.”

- Who are some famous religious frauds?
- What is Timothy to do in regard to them?

Vs. 6-8 > The Right Kind of Gain

- True religion is its own reward. It isn’t a means to an end. It *is* the end.
- How is genuine devotion to God *true gain*? What does it provide us?
- Paul says we are to be content with Food and Shelter. (The word “clothing” is literally “cover” and means protection from the elements; both clothing & shelter.)
- How does genuine devotion to God (true godliness) allow us to be content with food and shelter?
- What are some sources of discontent?

The Search for Significance

- Pastor Lance talked about the search for significance and its role in being content.
- What thoughts / reflections occurred to you in that part of the sermon?
- Why is the need for significance so important to us?

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