



# Stewarding Treasure

*A Study of 1 Timothy 5&6*

What do you want?

1 Timothy 6:6-16

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## Wanting Can Go Bad

2 Timothy 3:1-5 [seatback Bibles p 843]

*But mark this:*

*There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. (NIV)*

## God's Recommended Target

1 Timothy 6 [seatback Bibles p 841]

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

7 *For we brought nothing into the world,  
and we can take nothing out of it.*

➤ Key stewarding treasure principle: You can't take it with you, but you can send it on ahead

➤ But we do need some things, right?

8 *But if we have food and clothing,  
we will be content with that. (NIV)*

*Take Away (A):*

Focusing your "Wanter"  
on Godliness  
with Contentment  
is the true route to Great Gain

# The Dangerous Alternative

1 Timothy 6:9 *People who want to get rich  
fall into temptation  
and a trap  
and into many foolish (desires)  
and (into many) harmful desires  
that plunge men into ruin  
and destruction. (NIV)*

## The Root of the Problem

6:10 For the love of money is a root  
of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money,  
have wandered from the faith  
and pierced themselves with many griefs. (NIV)

## Take Away (B):

Focusing your "Wanter"  
on Riches down here  
is the route to Regrets & Ruin

## What Can a Heart Do to gain (A) & avoid (B)?

6:11 *But you, man of God, flee from all this,*

➤ *this* = (B) wanting to get rich--love of/eager for money; falling into temptation, traps, and many foolish & harmful desires; wandering from the faith; piercing yourself with many griefs

*and pursue  
righteousness,  
godliness,  
faith,  
love,  
endurance  
and gentleness.*

# Don't give up--Fight the good fight!

6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith.

- Keeping your "Wanter" tuned in to God will be a life-long fight.
- But it is a good fight and will be well worth it.

12b Take hold of the eternal life

*to which you were called...*

*when you made your good confession*

*in the presence of many witnesses. (NIV)*

- Embrace the kind of life God had in mind
  - Now!
- God never intended for us to live defeated here while waiting to enjoy eternal life after we die.

## Continue factoring God in until the end

1 Timothy 6:13 *In the sight of God,  
who gives life to everything,  
and of Christ Jesus,  
who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the  
good confession,  
I charge you 14 to keep this command  
without spot or blame  
until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
15 which God will bring about in his own time—*

'Cause in the end it's all about...

**God,**

*the blessed and only Ruler,*

*the King of kings*

*and Lord of lords,*

*who alone is immortal*

*and who lives in unapproachable light,*

*whom no one has seen or can see.*

*To him be honor*

*and might*

*forever. Amen.*

-- 1 Timothy 6:15b-16 (NIV)

Next Week:

☐ God's Investment Philosophy  
1 Timothy 6:17-19