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The Point: It Won't Satisfy



I Timothy 6:6-11

- What stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be funny, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- As kids most of us had something at one point or another that we just had to have. You know like Ralphie's Red Rider BB gun in A Christmas Story. What was your BB gun that you just had to have that you actually got? Do you still use it today? Why or why not? Do we still have the same scenarios as adults?
- Read I Timothy 6:6-11.** In your words how would you describe what Paul means in verse six where he says "true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth"?
- Think about what your favorite material possession is that you currently have? Do you own it or does it own you? In other words could you walk away from it right now. Thoughts or comments? Do you ever feel like you are a slave to either the possessions you have or the ones you desire? How does this impact your capability to find contentment?
- During the point we heard that wealth is empty, temporary, and troublesome. How have you experienced any or all three of these descriptors of wealth?
- Is money and possessions in and of themselves evil? Why or why not?

•So how is the love of money the root of all evil? I mean, what does that look like? If you were a detective tracing the clues back to the love of money what would you see along the trail of clues?

•What advice does Paul give Timothy in verse 11 in relation to the desire for money and things? Why do you think he advises Timothy in such a drastic way?

•The reality is that overcoming desire for more and more, whether it be money or possessions, is very hard to do. What are some of the reasons people desire more? What are some of the ways we “justify” more?

•In the point we heard that to master materialism we need to make a decision to draw a line in the sand, to be thankful in all things, and to change our perspective. Let’s look at each.

•**Decision- Read Matthew 6:21.** Jesus said that where treasure is or in other words what we invest in is where our heart really is. How does this tie into mastering materialism? How does materialism impact our relationships with God and others?

•**Thanksgiving- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18.** What does Paul mean here when he says “**WHATEVER** happens, thank God”? Why would we give thanks to God even for hardships?

•**Perspective- Read Luke 12:15-21.** What do you personally think of when you here this parable? How does our perspective on money and possessions impact our lives?

•In your mind, where do we go from here with this week’s point?

I Timothy 6:6-11 (NLT)

Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness.

Matthew 6: 21 (NLT)

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

I Thessalonians 5:18 (CEV)

Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do.

Luke 12:15-21 (MSG)

Speaking to the people, he went on, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot." Then he told them this story: "The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: 'What can I do? My barn isn't big enough for this harvest.' Then he said, 'Here's what I'll do: I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll gather in all my grain and goods, and I'll say to myself, Self, you've done well! You've got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!'

"Just then God showed up and said, 'Fool! Tonight you die. And your barn full of goods—who gets it?'

"That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God."