

## 1 Timothy 6:3-21

### Main subject of 1 Timothy:

Maintaining sound doctrine and proper conduct in the assembly, the House of God.

### Timothy had to deal with three wrong influences threatening the assembly:

Ch. 1 - Judaism —> misuse of the Law and legalism.

It causes straying from the faith and turning to idle talk (1:6-7).

Ch. 4 - Asceticism —> disregard for the physical which God created.

It causes departure from the faith and giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons (4:1-2).

Ch. 6 - Materialism —> overemphasis of the physical and neglect of the God who gives life to all things (6:13).

It causes straying from the faith in their greediness, and piercing themselves through with many sorrows (6:10).

### Materialism is the Western world's religion today. It's seen in:

- The over-estimation of "science",
- Extreme focus on physical safety and health,
- Environmentalism movement,
- Secularism,
- Evolutionary teaching for the origin of life,
- Politics being almost exclusively about economics,
- Excessive government and personal debt,

### What the Bible say about riches:

"Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." (Luke 12:15).

"If riches increase, do not set your heart on them." (Psalm 62:10).

"Remove falsehood and lies far from me;  
Give me neither poverty nor riches—  
Feed me with the food allotted to me;  
Lest I be full and deny You,  
And say, "Who is the LORD?"  
Or lest I be poor and steal,  
And profane the name of my God."  
(Proverbs 30:8-9).

### The Book of Proverbs warns about wrong attitudes concerning money and work:

-Laziness and leeching of others (10:4-5; 18:9; 19:15; 20:4; 24:30-34).

-Crippling debt and discontentment (15:16, 27; 22:7)

-Trusting in riches (11:28).

-Greed and life's focus to be rich (13:14; 23:4-5; 28:8-9; 30:8-9).

-Stinginess towards others (19:17).

-Respecting people for their money rather than their character (19:6).

### Imperatives for the man and woman of God:

**FLEE** the love of money and greediness (vs.11).

**FOLLOW** (or pursue) righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness (vs.11).

**FIGHT** the good fight of faith (vs. 12).

**FASTEN** (or lay hold on, seize) to eternal life (vs.12).

**FEND** (or guard) what was committed to your trust (vs. 20).

### We can live the Christian life if we keep our eyes on God and His Son:

- God who gives life to all things (God is the **Source** of all life & blessing), vs. 13.

- Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession (Christ our **Example**) vs. 13.

- Our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing (Christ our **Hope**), vs. 14.

- God, the only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of Lords (He is my **All in all**), vs. 15-16.