



Some well-known Christian teachers and authors tell us that being a Christian means success and prosperity. If we are faithful, God will bless us with wealth. Other Christians advocate a simple lifestyle without interest in material possessions. What does God's Word say about how we are to regard money? In this chapter, Paul concludes his agenda of how to lead the powerful and the powerless by directly addressing the wealthy members of the church. However, there are some valuable principles to be found for all.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read and meditate on [1st Timothy 6:1-21](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important. Why are they important?
2. From [1st Timothy 6:1-2](#) what do you think has been happening when slaves become believers?
3. What do you believe is the place of money in the life of a real, born-again Christ follower?
4. According to [verses 6-8](#), how are we to find contentment?
5. In your own words, how would you explain Paul's teaching on riches in [verses 9-10](#)?
6. In [1st Timothy 6:11-14](#), what was Paul commanding Timothy to do in this context?
7. How is Christ pictured in [verses 13-16](#)? Is this the way you think of Jesus Christ in your daily life?
8. Why do you think Paul told Timothy to turn away from "irreverent, empty speech" (also translated as "godless speech" and "irreverent babble") in [verse 20](#)? Give at least 1 example.
9. In what ways does your Christian life feel like a fight?
10. Describe how you have seen Christ followers use their financial blessings, skills, and Spiritual Gifts to do good work.
11. What has God entrusted to your care, and how do you guard it while investing it in serving God and serving others?

MOVING FORWARD

Pray that you would be a good steward of what you have been given, whether it is finances, Spiritual gifts, skills or time. Come up with an action plan of how you will be using them to glorify God.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

["20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," 21 for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you."](#) [1st Timothy 6:20-21](#)