

Week of January 8, 2017

Questions for Ohana

New in Christ: Contentment • 1 Timothy 6: 3-10

ICE BREAKER: Share a holiday highlight – **OR** – A way that God has provided for your financial needs in 2016.

A. Read 1 Timothy 6:3-5

1. How are false teachers described in these verses? What is the climax to the list at the end of verse 5?
2. Do you think Paul is being too harsh? Why?
3. What is the danger and impact of false teaching in the church in this passage?

B. Read 1 Timothy 6:6

1. How is “godliness with contentment” a striking contrast to the lives of the false teachers listed above?
2. How does this description fit with your personality, and lifestyle? Would your family and friends describe you as content?
3. Do you normally equate godliness with a contented attitude? Is discontentment a sign of ungodliness? Why?

C. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

1. What are specific temptations that relate to money?
2. What kind of evils grow when there is a love of money? How can this be masked in the Christian church?
3. In chapter 6:1-2, Paul addresses the poorest members of the church (slaves). In 6:17-19 he addresses the wealthiest members. How does he appeal to the “rich”?

APPLICATION

More than one third of people in the world live on less than \$2 a day. In their eyes people with homes, bicycles, and more than one pair of shoes are very “rich”. At KUC and in Hawaii, we also have a wide economic span among our people.

1. In what areas in your financial life are you not content?
2. How can we apply the attitude of Paul in verse 8 more fully in our financial decisions, “But if we have food and clothing, we will be content”?
3. How does contentment fit with verse 17 where Paul speaks to the rich (most of us in Hawaii) and affirms that God provides for us for our enjoyment?

PRAY Together:

1. Pray Listening: Ask God to show each of us one specific area in our finances where we can replace discontentment with thanksgiving.
2. Pray out loud together surrendering those areas God has revealed and thanking Him for His provision.