

Be Content, not Greedy

1 Timothy 6.6-10

1. The Perils of Greed, vs9-10

a much misquoted verse v10

*the love of money is
the root of all kinds of evil*

Those who want to get rich ...

- *are vulnerable to temptations v9
theft, fraud, shortcuts*
- *fall into a trap v9
the lie that wealth = happiness*
- *make irrational choices v9
e.g Lotteries*
- *sink into harmful habits v9
e.g. gambling*
- *drown in destructive ruin v9*
- *wander from God v10
Mat 6.24-33; Mk 4.18-19*

➤ *suffer self-inflicted grief v10*

2. The Blessings of Contentment, v6-8

'religion' can help us find it v6

➤ *a proper perspective on life v7*

- we leave everything behind

Ps 49.10,16-17; Job 1.20

Luke 12.16-21

- enjoy it while you can v17; 4.4

- use it to gain real treasures

Luke 16.9; Mat 6.19-21

- travel light, the best is to come

- share what you can vs17-19

➤ *a proper appreciation*

of our possessions v8

- be content with necessities

some don't have them

work to relieve poverty Mat 26.11

➤ *learn the secret of contentment*

Phil 4.11-13

gratitude and trust