

**Blueprint For A Healthy Church
Live With An Eternal Purpose (#7)**

Sermon Notes

1 Timothy 6:1-21

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Big Idea: True contentment is found not in what we accumulate, but in living with **eternal purpose**.

To Live With An Eternal Purpose:

1. Choose Contentment Over The Pursuit Of Money (1 Timothy 6:1–10)

¹ All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full **respect**, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered.

² Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are believers, and dear to them. These are the things you are to teach and urge on them. **1 Timothy 6:1-2 (NIV)**

³ If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, ⁴ he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions ⁵ and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. ⁶ **But godliness with contentment is great gain.** ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. **1 Timothy 6:3-10 (NIV)**

- What we love most will shape what we live for.

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2. Fight The Good Fight Of Faith (1 Timothy 6:11–16)

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.** ¹² **Fight the good fight of the faith.** Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord

Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time--God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. **1 Timothy 6:11-16 (NIV)**

- Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.

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3. Invest in Eternal Treasure Through Generous Living (1 Timothy 6:17–21)

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. ²⁰ Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

1 Timothy 6:17-21 (NIV)

- Wealth is uncertain, but God is faithful.

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- Does my generosity reflect eternal priorities?

Next Right Step

This week, I will:

[] Choose contentment and trust God's provision

[] Re-engage the fight for faith in a specific area of my life

[] Practice generosity with eternal purpose

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“Live With Eternal Focus” (#7) 1 Timothy 6:1-21
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Leader Focus:

- ✓ Review questions beforehand so you are prepared
- ✓ Honor your time commitment as a group.
- ✓ Keep discussion relational, not reactive
- ✓ Reinforce grace, humility, and unity

Purpose:

To help participants shift from temporary priorities to eternal purpose and finish the series with clarity and commitment.

Icebreaker (5 minutes)

What's something people often chase that promises happiness but rarely delivers?

Group Discussion (20–25 minutes)

To Live With An Eternal Purpose:

1. Choose Contentment Over The Pursuit Of Money (1 Timothy 6:1–10)

Read 1 Timothy 6:1–10

- What contrasts does Paul make between temporary and eternal things?
- Why does Paul warn that the love of money can lead people away from faith?
- How does contentment protect us from spiritual drift?
- Where do you most feel the tension between contentment and comparison?

2. Fight The Good Fight Of Faith (1 Timothy 6:11–16)

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- How can godliness reshape the way you view success and security?
- What does “fighting the good fight of faith” look like in your current season?

- How can we pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness this week?

3. Invest in Eternal Treasure Through Generous Living (1 Timothy 6:17–21)

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- How does generosity reflect an eternal perspective?
- What is one way God is calling you to live more intentionally for eternity?
- As we finish 1 Timothy, what truth from this series has most shaped you?

Application (10 minutes)

Invite each person to share:

- One area where they want to refocus on eternal priorities
- One concrete step they will take this week
- As we finish up the book of 1 Timothy, what has been some takeaways?
- Are there any specific actions that you are implementing as a result of the study in 1 Timothy?

Closing Prayer

Thank God for His faithfulness throughout the series. Pray for courage to live with eternal focus and faithfulness to finish well.