

1 Timothy  
*The Challenge of Being the Church*  
1 Timothy 6:3-6:21 (page 931)

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As a follower of Christ, I am to beware of the danger of:

- those who p e r v e r t the t r u t h about prosperity (1 Tim 6:3-5)
  - They d e v i a t e from the f a i t h
  - they promote d i s u n i t y
  - they have the w r o n g m o t i v a t i o n
  
- w o r s h i p p i n g prosperity (1 Tim 6:6-10)
  - I am to learn to be c o n t e n t and not c o v e t o u s  
(Phil 4:11-13; Heb 13:5)
  
- prosperity s h a p i n g my p r i o r i t i e s (1 Tim 6:11-16;  
Prov 30:7-9; Matt 6:19-34; Mark 8:36; Phil 3:7-14)
  
- trusting prosperity m o r e than G o d  
(1 Tim 6:17-21; Ecc 5:10-11; Luke 12:15-21)

**Making it stick...**

With all the teachings available to the church today, how can you know what is sound from unsound teaching? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you own things or do your things own you? Be honest...are you relating to God and your things in the proper order - in other words, do you struggle with things that unseat God from His seat of priority in your life? How will you respond to that this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you thankful for what you have or are you secretly envious of what others have? How does that relate to "contentment" and it being a reflection on "godliness"? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does "taking hold of eternal life" mean? What does "fight the good fight" mean? How do these things apply to your life?

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