

APPLICATION

This marvelous passage demands much of us. In learning to apply God's Word to our lives we must pray and ask God to teach us and change us.

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We are currently discussing the fourth and final step in Bible Study Methods: **Application**. No Biblical truth is fully learned until it is practically lived. Application begins with prayer, and then proceeds, **IN PRAYER**, to ask questions. It may be helpful to keep a list of questions like this in your Bible. Ask them of every passage you study.

- Is there a command for me to obey?
- Is there a sin or negative example for me to avoid?
- Is there a virtue or positive example for me to emulate?
- Is there a promise from God for me to place faith in?
- Is there a correction I need to apply to my thinking?
- How can I worship God out of this text?
- Is there a passage I need to commit to memory?
- How does this text lead me to pray?
- How does this text affect and instruct my relationships?

Hopefully you will begin to clarify and add to these questions as you study. Now let's apply them to **1 Timothy 6:3-10**. Ask yourself:

Where does troublesome friction exist in my current understanding of what the Bible teaches? How can I move towards truth?

Do I possess arrogance or conceit regarding what I believe?

Do I have an unproductive and distracting interest in controversial things?

Am I content? How does this affect my relationships?

How do I gain contentment? How can I begin to pray differently?

How have I invited unnecessary troubles into my life because of a love of money?

**This week
memorize 6:6-7.**

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FIRST TIMOTHY 6:3-10

THE TROUBLEMAKER ANTIDOTE

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6:3-10—This is a fascinating passage, beautiful in its negative assessment of our lot as corrupted men and women. These was the **False Teaching/Living**, and, unfortunately, we also find our faults and vices here as well.

6:3—This verb “advocate a different doctrine” is the same verb Paul used in **1:3**; “teach strange doctrine.” These two uses are the only in the New Testament. Paul may have invented this word to use in this letter.

Take a look at the passage as a whole. Try to identify how many positive statements or attributes are mentioned in **6:3-10**.

There is, in fact, only one. It falls right in the middle of the passage (**6:6,8**) and it is *contentment*. How would you define contentment?

Do you possess it? How does one gain it? Where does it come from?

6:6-8—The word *contentment* is a gorgeous word in the NT. It is a compound word: *himself + to be enough* (verb). Think about what this means as a Christian, one who is identified with Jesus, one bought with a price. This verb is used in **1 Timothy 6:8**, as well as **John 14:8**; **2 Cor 12:9**; **Heb 13:5**. See also the critical reference to **2 Cor 9:8** and **Philippians 4:11-13**.

What does Paul say about contentment in these memorable passages?

Philippians 4:11-13—...Not that I speak from want, for I have learned *to be content* in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

2 Corinthians 9:8—And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency (*contentment*) in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

6:9-10—This final sentence of the section speaks, yet again, directly to one of the chief problems in the Ephesian church: love of money. Paul mentions this problem often in the letter: **2:9**; **3:3**; **3:8**; **5:8**; **5:17-18**; **6:5-10**; **6:17-20**.

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