

Five-Minute Finances – *Eternal Focus*



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Prayer

Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as you begin reading passages of Scripture. Ask for clarity and insight as you engage in God's word.



Scripture Reading- 1 Timothy 6:3-21

False Teachers and True Contentment

Teach and urge these things. ³If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, ⁵and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰ O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called "knowledge," ²¹ for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.



Observation

1. What do these verses say about...

Teaching?

Contentment?

The Rich?



Interpretation

2. Why do you think Paul stresses to Timothy the need to “Teach and urge these things”?

3. What does it mean to “fight the good fight”? What does the good fight look like in your life?

4. What does it mean to store up treasure? What does that look like in our world today?



Application

If you consider all the teachers we learn from in the Bible and here on earth, what's the common theme? They are all focused on alignment with God, and they all "pay it forward" for the benefit of others.

Every time we pick up the Bible, we're being mentored. By God, and by all the people He used to build His Kingdom and set the course for Christianity. Think about it. Who did King David learn from? Probably from his dad, Jesse, maybe his older brothers, too, and certainly God. Whom did he mentor? Countless followers, and for sure, his son Solomon, who gained great wisdom from his father and directly from God.

Do you have a mentor who gives you godly counsel when you're faced with a big decision or in times of need? Do you mentor anyone who can count on you? If not, we'd encourage you to prayerfully find people who can help you grow and people whom you can help grow on their financial discipleship journey.



Continue your Journey...

Now that you have completed the work on the 5 pillars of financial discipleship, you are ready to equip others. The 5-Minute Finances videos are a great tool and resource to help others get started on their financial discipleship journey. Go to FiveMinuteFinances.org to share these videos with others!

Thanks for taking the time to go through this devotional! We pray the Lord would draw you ever closer to Him as you continue on your financial discipleship journey!

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