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## Money and Control 1 Timothy 6:1-10 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

For the love of money  
is the root of all evil:  
which while some coveted after,  
they have erred from the faith,  
and pierced themselves through  
with many sorrows.

**1 Timothy 6:10**



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This week we will start chapter 6 in 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy. This chapter can be a difficult chapter for us to understand because of the differences between the culture of Ephesus and our culture today. Paul gives 3 basic ideas in this section. He tells slaves to serve their masters well, he warns against false teachers and he warns against the love of money. As we look at this section we will see how these 3 things relate to each other. Join us this week as we talk about the root of sin and the destruction that comes from an improper view of money.



## 1 TIMOTHY 6:1-10 NET

1 Those who are under the yoke as slaves must regard their own masters as deserving of full respect. This will prevent the name of God and Christian teaching from being discredited. 2 But those who have believing masters must not show them less respect because they are brothers. Instead they are to serve all the more, because those who benefit from their service are believers and dearly loved.

### **Summary of Timothy's Duties**

Teach them and exhort them about these things. 3 If someone spreads false teachings and does not agree with sound words (that is, those of our Lord Jesus Christ) and with the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing, but has an unhealthy interest in controversies and verbal disputes. This gives rise to envy, dissension, slanders, evil suspicions, 5 and constant bickering by people corrupted in their minds and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a way of making a profit. 6 Now godliness combined with contentment brings great profit. 7 For we have brought nothing into this world and so we cannot take a single thing out either. 8 But if we have food and shelter, we will be satisfied with that. 9 Those who long to be rich, however, stumble into temptation and a trap and many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evils. Some people in reaching for it have strayed from the faith and stabbed themselves with many pains.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. How does respect for a slave master prevent the name of God from being discredited?

9. Why is it more important for the slave to serve well if his master is a believer?

10. How does Paul describe false teachers in this passage?

11. In what way does godliness bring great profit?

12. What is the warning about a desire to be rich?

13. How is money the root of evils?

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Is there a relationship between being content as a slave and not loving money?

15. Does this passage condone slavery? Why or why not?

16. How can we work hard as unto the Lord and not be working for the love of money?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

**Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...**

*Sermon Notes*