

I Timothy 6:6-19 New International Version (NIV)



- 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 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people 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.
- 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.
- 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.

(Please stand as you are able for the reading from the gospel.)

Luke 16:19-31 Common English Bible (CEB)

- ¹⁹ “There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day.
- ²⁰ At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores.
- ²¹ Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.
- ²² “The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.
- ²³ While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side.
- ²⁴ He shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I’m suffering in this flame.’
- ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things. Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain.
- ²⁶ Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.’
- ²⁷ “The rich man said, ‘Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father’s house.
- ²⁸ I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don’t come to this place of agony.’
- ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.’
- ³⁰ The rich man said, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.’
- ³¹ Abraham said, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

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