

HOW TO OVERCOME THE CURSE OF COVETOUSNESS

1 Timothy 6:5-10 • Part 1

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- Covetousness is:
 - An excessive _____ for something that you don't have.
 - Desires that have gone out of _____.
 - An attitude of the _____.
- Covetousness tends to be the mother of a lot of other sins.
- It's the driving force behind the corruption in this world.
- How do we overcome the curse of covetousness?
- We must recognize that:

Our identity is in _____, not in our possessions. vs. 5-6

- *"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."* **1 Corinthians 12:27**
- *"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."* **1 Corinthians 6:17**
- *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."* **Ephesians 5:30**
- Before salvation our spirit was devoid of the life of God, therefore in our lost condition we operated strictly on a physical level.
- This explains why people try to find their identity in physical things.
- Paul is trying to get us to see that our identity is not in these _____ things any more—it is in Christ! This is why he says in verse 6, *"But godliness with contentment is great gain."*

- Contentment comes when our relationship with Christ becomes the _____ through which we understand all of life.
- Godliness with contentment is the _____ of believers who have recognized that Christ is their identity.

Money can't buy a heart that is at _____ with itself and with God.

Material things leave you wanting more, but a heart that is in tune with Christ is _____ satisfied.



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