

The Gain of Godliness

1 Timothy 6:2b-10

“Teach and urge these things”: *The Worth of Doctrine for all of Life*

What should we teach?

What should you study?

3 Defining Marks of False Teaching:

- False teaching _____ from scripture.
- False teaching _____ Christ.
- False teaching _____ godliness.

Some Marks of False Teachers:

False teachers tend to ...

... be simultaneously _____ and _____ ...

... crave _____ and major in the _____ ...

...

... cater to _____ and _____ ...

All the while _____ from the lost, the foolish, and the ignorant.

They not only _____ for _____, but even more destructive is the message of a _____ that portrays Christ as a _____ and not the _____ of all things.

Contentment in Christ – The Greatest Gain!

Godliness is not the *means* to financial gain; godliness *is* the gain. To have intimacy with Christ is to have all that you *ultimately* need.

“... I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ...” (Phil. 3:8)

“... I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:11-13)

A few keys to contentment:

Christians can (and should) live differently than those without Christ because we have the assurance of his _____ for us, his _____ over us, and his _____ towards us.

So ...

Think _____.

Live _____.

Carefully consider the _____ to contentment and its cost.