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THE GOOD LIFE

Week 2 | What Is Truly Life | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Sermon Questions for 10.25.2026

OPENER

We all think, "If I could just wear that, drive that, or earn this, life would be good." In 1 Timothy 6, Paul speaks to those who desire wealth and those who possess it, with one goal for both: to take hold of what is truly life. Are we most interested in making a living or truly living?

READ

1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19

MAIN POINTS

1. Contentment: Freedom from Craving Wealth

Christian contentment is not self-sufficiency but God-sufficiency: because I belong to God, my circumstances do not determine the value of my life. Paul describes godliness with contentment as great gain. True contentment redirects our pursuit toward righteousness, godliness, faith, and love. The world asks, "What are you gaining?" Paul asks, "Who are you becoming?"

2. Generosity: Freedom from Trusting Wealth

If contentment frees us from craving wealth, generosity frees us from trusting it. Paul does not shame the rich; he teaches them to enjoy wealth as a gift, not a god. Generosity begins with humility, remembering that everything we have comes from God. It relocates our hope, because money is a useful tool but a terrible place to put our hope. It makes us rich in good works, like Basil of Caesarea, who sold his property to feed the hungry. Generosity does not purchase eternal life, but while the money we keep will one day leave us, the good done through it follows us into eternity.

ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10. What are people most often tempted to sacrifice for more money?
- What is something you were once sure would make your life better? How did it turn out?
- What does the difference between making a living and truly living look like in your everyday life?
- How is contentment different from complacency, and where do you find it hardest to practice?
- How can you save and plan without placing the weight of your hope on money?
- This week, what has God placed in your hands that could gain eternal significance by being shared?

BOTTOM LINE

Contentment frees us from craving wealth and generosity frees us from trusting it, so that we can take hold of what is truly life.