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## GODLINESS AND CONTENTMENT

1 Timothy 6:2b-10

A Healthy church knows the truth and recognizes Godliness.  
(6:2b-3)

Healthy teachings of Jesus

Matthew 7:15-20

Evaluate instructions and motivations

An unhealthy church is lead to be prideful, experiencing  
strife.  
(6:4-5)

Pride

Romans 1:22

James 3:15

Strife

Depravity – Romans 1:28

A healthy church practices contentment, experiencing gain.  
(6:6-8)

1 Timothy 4:7-8

Satisfied and Sufficient

Philippians 4:11-13

An unhealthy church allows greed to bring destruction.  
(6:9-10)

Ecclesiastes 5:10

## Small Group Homework - Week of October 30, 2016

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### Getting to know you

As you listened to the sermon this week regarding godliness and contentment, what concepts were familiar to you and what concepts were new?

Timothy was challenged to protect his church from false teaching, and Paul clearly identifies false teachers and teachings within that church. What false teachers or teachings have you come in contact with in your life? What was intended to be enticing about it and what is your reaction to that teaching now?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Godliness is our barometer in differentiating from the truth of Jesus and false teaching. Read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in **Matthew 5-6**. Use your Bible's section titles to identify which aspects of Godliness you rely on to help determine truth from false doctrine and why?
  
2. There is nothing new under the sun, but different false teachings are stronger in different time periods. Relying on your answer from the previous question, what false teachings are threatening our church or are currently present in our church? (If you don't recognize any don't worry, instead think about the Church in So Cal.)
  
3. What relational "strifes" can we expect to experience from those false teachings that contentment would help us overcome? And how would contentment overcome it?

4. Discontentment seems to be a major entry point for false teaching to gain a foothold in our life, where are you/we currently experiencing discontentment?
  
5. Returning back to the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-12, Jesus encourages us with promises to experience blessing as a result of our condition or action. How are you going to practice contentment in an area of your life this week while expecting a blessing in doing so?