

## Pursue Great Gain

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

God wants us to pursue and experience great gain or “abundance” (John 10:10). It is an abundant life that overflows with all that God blesses us with to do His work for His glory. What does it mean to pursue great gain and abundance?

In 1 Timothy 6:6, Paul tells his disciple Timothy (and us as well) the formula to pursuing great gain, and that is: **Godliness + Contentment = Great Gain**. It may seem counter-intuitive because gain is commonly perceived as acquiring more. However, Paul says that gain is accompanied by contentment. How do we put this into practice?

### HAVE A STOPOVER MINDSET (1 TIMOTHY 6:7)

When we travel, we encounter “stopovers”. These are quick breaks as we travel to and from our destination and we do not stay in our stopovers. Similarly, the stopover mindset is one that says, as the verse reminds us, that we brought nothing into the world and thus we can't also take anything from it (1 Timothy 6:7; Hebrews 13:14). So travel light and hold the things of this world lightly. Ask yourself: What am I tightly holding onto in my life?

### APPRECIATE THE SIMPLE THINGS (1 TIMOTHY 6:8)

Paul tells Timothy, “If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.” Jesus Himself taught us to pray, “Give us today our daily bread.” These remind us to be content, grateful, and appreciate the simple things. Contentment does not encourage us to be passive; instead we are responsible to work to provide ourselves with our essentials (1 Timothy 5:8). We must be able to distinguish “wants” from “needs”. A quote from Pastor Rick Warren encapsulates this point. He said, “A lot of things we think are needs, are actually just greeds. God did not say He will supply all our greeds.” Ask yourself: Am I okay with having just

a little? Do I appreciate the simple things?

### RE-DIRECT OUR DESIRES (1 TIMOTHY 6:9-11)

To develop deep contentment, we need to beware of the trap of covetousness and greed. The Bible warns us against wanting more stuff, covetousness, and the love of money. We are to flee and stay away from places and people that pressure us to live a lifestyle that we cannot afford. Instead, we must redirect our passions and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11b). When we covet and grab, we lose more. But when we desire God and His ways, He blesses us. We need to redirect our desire for things instead to Jesus (Psalm 17:15; Psalm 37:4). Ask yourself: What desires do I need to redirect?

### FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT (1 TIMOTHY 6:12)

To cultivate an attitude of contentment, we need to evaluate our priorities. Are we consumed with our own endeavors or are we fighting the good fight of faith to obey God in sharing the gospel and making disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)? We may face discouragements along the way, but if Jesus has brought us to it, He will surely enable us to go through it (Hebrews 13:5). God promises that those who seek the Him will lack no good thing (Psalm 34:10). Ask yourself: Am I fighting the good fight 100%?

If you are not yet fighting to accomplish God's work, join in! If you are thinking of stepping back, keep fighting! God will provide all you need. As Hudson Taylor wisely said, “God's work done God's way will not in lack God's resources.” If you want to experience this abundant life in Jesus, pray for Him to transform your life today.

### discussion questions

- Do I appreciate the simple things?
- What desires do I need to redirect?
- Are you fighting the good fight 100%?

### last week's memory verse

But godliness with contentment is great gain,  
1 TIMOTHY 6:6

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# Take Note

LEARN. ATTEND.  
GET INVOLVED.

## GLC

### Face-to-Face Sunday Classes

June 19, 1:00 PM

Register at [bit.ly/GLCSundayClass](http://bit.ly/GLCSundayClass)

Walk-in participants are welcome to join!

#### Book 1: One by One

Session 5: One Source

(The Holy Spirit)

Teacher: Ptr. Erick Totañes

head to Room 3A

#### Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

Session 4: One Focus (Worship)

Teacher: Dr. Chris Soriano

head to Room 4A

#### Go Viral Basics will resume soon.

Stay tuned for further announcements.

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## Women2Women



ALL WOMEN

### Money Talks Workshop:

#### Life Application

June 23, Thursday

10:00 AM, Multi-Purpose Hall

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE



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## BIG Ministry



SINGLES

### Special Message

June 24, Friday

7:30 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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## Elevate



HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

### Love, Despite

June 25, Saturday

3:00 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

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## NXTGEN



OPEN TO KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

### Kids' Church

Sundays, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

G/F North Wing, CCF Center

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE



ccfnxtgen for ages 4-12

zoom for ages 7-12

### Volunteer in NXTGEN or

#### join an online small group for kids!

Contact the NXTGEN team:



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LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

## God brought you here for His purpose.

### 1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments –Deuteronomy 7:9*

### 2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

### 3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6*

### 4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

### 5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13*



## join us on Sundays

AT CCF CENTER

10:00 AM (English),

3:00 PM (Filipino)

ONLINE

10:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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