



# The Hustle The Advantage

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Week 3

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**Bottom Line:** Your attitude is key.

**Icebreaker:** If you wrote your autobiography, what would the title be and why? Or, what would the word be that most accurately describes your early morning attitude and why?

**Key Verse:** *But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.* 1 Timothy 6:6-11

Have you ever thought or heard someone else's opinion that the church talks too much about money? Interesting opinion, expressed fairly frequently. Even more interesting is the fact that Jesus talked about money more than any other subject. Why? Because He wants our hearts, and He knows that money/possessions/stuff is His greatest rival.

That's why Paul, the most famous follower of Jesus Christ, a man who spoke with Jesus face to face, addressed the love of money and the need to be content with the very last words of his letter to Timothy, his disciple and son in the Lord. Why would he do that? Because he knew from his relationship with Jesus and from his own experiences and leading people that discontentment, the More Monster, is the greatest threat to our souls. People who pursue more will never find satisfaction because there is always something else. He told Timothy and us that the secret to contentment and the mega great gain that accompanies it is changing our pursuit priority. Switch from prioritizing stuff, possessions, things that will not last, and pursue righteousness (right living), godliness (becoming Christlike in character), faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Just think how increasing those qualities in your life would increase your personal satisfaction and widen your positive influence. The bonus is that these are all things that we keep forever. They are the legacy that lasts.

## THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from the message?

"Jesus talks about money so much, not because He wants your money, but He wants your heart."

"It's healthy to be content. Envy will eat you up. Envy is resenting other people who already have something, and you think you can't be happy until you have it too." Reflect. Am I currently envious of anyone/anything?

"Awareness fuels discontent. Someone and something are always feeding it, so we are never fully satisfied." Reflect/Discuss.

"The right kind of discontent has led to solutions to some of the world's greatest problems. They allowed discontent to drive them to great things. They are free from the discontentment that plagues most people." Think about some of these people and solutions.

## LOOK IT OVER <<<

"You have to replace discontentment with something else. 1) Put others first. 2) Decide you are fine with what you have. 3) Redirect your pursuit from money and things to a lifestyle of generous giving and doing."

"You were most loveable when you owned nothing. You were most cherished when you had nothing. You have value way beyond what you own." Reflect and discuss. Why is that so hard to grasp?

"You brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out. You aren't leaving with any of your stuff. What are you leaving besides your stuff? That needs to be front and center of your life. There will be great, mega gain." What do you want to leave besides your stuff? What do you need to be doing about it?

Discontent is dangerous. The love of money is the root of all evil. How?

# NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Attend Financial Peace or the Budget Workshop.
- 2) Begin to follow the steps to get out of debt.
- 3) Commit to a 3-Month Tithe Challenge.

## EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

**Bottom Line:** Your attitude is key.

Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

## PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

## DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at [newpointe.org/daily](http://newpointe.org/daily):

Monday: Proverbs 14:30

Tuesday: Hebrews 12:11

Wednesday: 1 Timothy 6:10

Thursday: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Friday: Romans 12:2

***Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.***

*(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)*