

# First Timothy 6:6-11

First Timothy 6:5 – and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

	4200 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	2150 [e]
	porismon	einai	tēn	eusebeian
6:5 -	πορισμὸν	εἶναι	τὴν	εὐσέβειαν
	a means of gain	to be	-	godliness
	N-AMS	V-PNA	Art-AFS	N-AFS

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"a livelihood",  
"means of gain",  
"source of gain"

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- "piety towards god"  
- "devotion", "godliness"

6:6 – But godliness with contentment is great gain,

	porismos	me gas	hē	eusebeia	meta	autarkeias
6:6 -	πορισμὸς	μέγας	ἡ	εὐσέβεια	μετὰ	αὐταρκειᾶς
	gain	great	-	godliness	with	contentment
	N-NMS	Adj-NMS	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Prep	N-GFS

"a providing",  
"a livelihood",  
"means of gain",  
"source of gain"

**me gas** =  
"great",  
"large",  
"in widest sense"

**eusebeian**  
/yoo-seb-iah/ =  
- "piety towards god"  
- "devotion",  
- "godliness"

**autarkeias**  
/ow-tar-ki-ah/ =  
"self-satisfaction"  
"self-sufficiency",  
"independence",  
"contentment"

6:7 – for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

	3762 [e]	1063 [e]	1533 [e]	1519 [e]	3588 [e]	2889 [e]	3754 [e]	3761 [e]	1627 [e]	5100 [e]	1410 [e]
	ouden	gar	eisenekamen	eis	ton	kosmon	hoti	oude	exenenkein	ti	dynametha
7	οὐδὲν	γὰρ	εἰσηνεγκαμεν	εἰς	τὸν	κόσμον	, ὅτι	οὐδὲ	ἐξενεγκεῖν	τι	δυνάμεθα .
	Nothing	for	we brought	into	the	world	because	neither	to carry out	anything	are we able
	Adj-ANS	Conj	V-AIA-1P	Prep	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Conj	Adv	V-ANA	IPro-ANS	V-PIM/P-1P

1. OT support:

- Job 1:21 - *And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."*
- Ecclesiastes 5:13-15 – *"There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand."*

- Paul is not saying material things do not matter.  
Paul is not saying poverty is good.

Paul IS putting material things in perspective.

Paul IS attempting to relativize the importance of earthly things.

3. Both birth and death teach us the material things are NOT ours.

### 6:8 – But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

2192 [e]	1161 [e]	1305 [e]	2532 [e]	4629 [e]	3778 [e]	714 [e]
echontes	de	diatrophas	kai	skepasmata	toutois	arkesthesometha
8 ἔχοντες	δὲ	διατροφὰς	καὶ	σκεπάσματα	, τούτοις	ἀρκεσθησόμεθα .
Having	however	sustenance	and	coverings	with these	we will be content
V-PPA-NMP	Conj	N-AFP	Conj	N-ANP	DPro-DNP	V-FIP-1P

- “Food” – *diatrophe* - /dee-at-rof-ay/ – means “food”, “nourishment”, “supplies”. Comes from:
  - dia-* – “thoroughly”
  - hora* – “food”, “supplies”
- “Clothing” – *skepasma* - /skep'-as-mah/ - “a covering”, “clothing”
  - Can refer to more than clothing and include shelter such as housing, living quarters, etc.
- “we will be content” – is a form of the word *arkeo* meaning “to assist”, “suffice”, “I am satisfied”
  - It is active which means “to satisfy”, “to furnish” what is necessary.
  - Used in 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 -  
“Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is **sufficient** for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”
- Hebrews 13:5-6 –  
“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”
- To elevate material gain or physical prosperity in teaching the Word of God (godliness, Gospel) is ironically bankrupt of the Truth. To do so is false teaching.

### 6:9 – But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

3588 [e]	1161 [e]	1014 [e]	4147 [e]	1706 [e]	1519 [e]	3986 [e]	2532 [e]	3803 [e]	2532 [e]	1939 [e]	4183 [e]	453 [e]	2532 [e]
Hoi	de	boulomenoi	ploutein	empiptousin	eis	peirasmon	kai	pagida	kai	epithymias	pollas	anoetous	kai
9 Οἱ	δὲ	βουλούμενοι	πλουτεῖν	ἐμπίπτουσιν	εἰς	πειρασμόν	καὶ	παγίδα	, καὶ	ἐπιθυμίας	πολλὰς	ἀνοήτους	καὶ
Those	however	desiring	to be rich	fall	into	temptation	and	a snare	and	desires	many	foolish	and
Art-NMP	Conj	V-PPM/P-NMP	V-PNA	V-PIA-3P	Prep	N-AMS	Conj	N-AFS	Conj	N-AFP	Adj-AFP	Adj-AFP	Conj

  

983 [e]	3748 [e]	1036 [e]	3588 [e]	444 [e]	1519 [e]	3639 [e]	2532 [e]	684 [e]
blaberas	haitines	bythizousin	tous	anthropous	eis	olethron	kai	apoleian
βλαβερὰς	, αἰτινες	βυθίζουσιν	τοὺς	ἀνθρώπους	εἰς	ὄλεθρον	καὶ	ἀπώλειαν .
harmful	which	plunge	-	men	into	ruin	and	destruction
Adj-AFP	RelPro-NFP	V-PIA-3P	Art-AMP	N-AMP	Prep	N-AMS	Conj	N-AFS

- Desiring to get “rich” misses the point of salvation and godliness (which are eternal)
- Desiring to get rich and pursuing material things will lead the believer away from the purpose of the Gospel, life in Christ and godliness.
- Results are four-fold fall:
  - Into temptation (bait in a trap)

- b. Into a snare (trap for an animal)
- c. Many senseless and harmful desires
- d. Ruin and destruction

**6:10 – For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.**

4491 [e]	1063 [e]	3956 [e]	3588 [e]	2556 [e]	1510 [e]	3588 [e]	5365 [e]	3739 [e]	5100 [e]	3713 [e]	635 [e]	575 [e]	3588 [e]
rhiza	gar	pantōn	tōn	kakōn	estin	hē	philargyria	hēs	tines	oregomenoi	apeplanēthesan	apo	tēs
10 ῥίζα	γάρ	πάντων	τῶν	κακῶν	ἐστὶν	ἡ	φιλαργυρία	, ἧς	τινες	ὀρεγόμενοι	ἀπειπλανήθησαν	ἀπὸ	τῆς
A root	for	of all kinds	-	of evils	is	the	love of money	, which	some	stretching after	have been seduced	away from	the
N-NFS	Conj	Adj-GNP	Art-GNP	Adj-GNP	V-PIA-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	RelPro-GFS	IPro-NMP	V-PPM-NMP	V-AIP-3P	Prep	Art-GFS

4102 [e]	2532 [e]	1438 [e]	4044 [e]	3601 [e]	4183 [e]
pisteōs	kai	heautous	periepeiran	odynais	pollais
πίστεως	, καὶ	ἑαυτοὺς	περιέπειραν	ὀδύνας	πολλαῖς .
faith	and	themselves	have pierced	with sorrows	many
N-GFS	Conj	RefPro-AM3P	V-AIA-3P	N-DFP	Adj-DFP

**6:11 – But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.**

4771 [e]	1161 [e]	5599 [e]	444 [e]	2316 [e]	3778 [e]	5343 [e]	1377 [e]	1161 [e]	1343 [e]	2150 [e]
Sy	de	ō	anthrōpe	Theou	tauta	pheuge	diōke	de	dikaïosynēn	eusebeian
11 Σὺ	δέ ,	ὦ	ἄνθρωπε	Θεοῦ	, ταῦτα	φεύγε ;	δίωκε	δὲ	δικαιοσύνην ,	εὐσέβειαν ,
You	however	O	man	of God	these things	flee	pursue	now	righteousness	godliness
PPro-N2S	Conj	I	N-VMS	N-GMS	DPro-ANP	V-PMA-2S	V-PMA-2S	Conj	N-AFS	N-AFS

4102 [e]	26 [e]	5281 [e]	4240 [e]
pistin	agapēn	hypomonēn	praupathian
πίστιν	, ἀγάπην	, ὑπομονήν	, πραῦπαθίαν .
faith	love	endurance	[and] gentleness
N-AFS	N-AFS	N-AFS	N-AFS