



## ***Resist Continually – Avoiding Temptation***

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### **Outline**

Read 1 Timothy 6:9-16 and review the outline:

- I. Recognize how rich you are compared to the rest of the world
- II. Recognize how dangerous it is to be a Christian here in America
  - A. Wishing for more money can easily turn into living to get it
  - B. Money can be an incredible temptation
  - C. Money can derail your faith
- III. Recognize how relentless you'll have to be to keep from getting sucked into the money trap
  - A. Do whatever it takes to keep fighting against your own flesh and this present world system
  - B. Do whatever you can to keep delighting in your savior and what's coming next

### **Sermon Discussion:**

#### **I. Conversation Starter Questions**

- A. Has anyone been to a third world country—what was your experience?
- B. Does anyone have a “Larivee guitar” story? How did God work in that time of your life?
- B. How does it affect you to realize that we live in the top 5% of the wealthiest people on earth?
- C. Read James 1:13-15 and 4:1-10 – how can we tell when wishes become desires (open hands become clenched fists)?
- D. What does it mean that in order to be free from the schemes of the devil we need to be “fighting and delighting?”

#### **II. Application Questions**

- A. On a scale of 1-10, how are you doing with fighting the temptation of prosperity?
- B. What are practical ways to fight the temptation of prosperity, and delight in our good God who promises to provide all our needs?
- C. What verse from the 1 Timothy passage has stuck out to you the most?

**III. Gospel Connection** – What Jesus has done for us makes it possible to put all the things of this world into perspective. Our hearts are forgiven and free from the lustful desires that seek to rule our lives, so that we can give God the honor and glory due to Him.

#### **IV. Prayer Focus Ideas**

- A. Is there an area regarding finances that your heart is tempted to move from a wish to a self-seeking desire? Let us humble ourselves and confess our weakness so that we can pray for each other.
- B. How do you need to do a “Peter Pan from the dam”... fighting the temptations of prosperity?
- C. How is the Lord calling you to delight in Him—how can you grow in this?