

THE VALUE OF GODLINESS

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Week of May 26, 2024

Analyze the _____ of _____ (2b-5)

Adopt the _____ of _____ (6-8)

Avoid the _____ of _____ (9-10)

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. In verse 3, Paul lays out some boundaries for sound doctrine; what criteria does he give?
3. Using this passage and others that address false teachers, write your own summary or list of criteria that could be used in determining whether someone is or is not teaching sound doctrine. (Some additional references: Matt. 7:15-20, 16:11-12, 23:1-29, 24:24; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Acts 20:28-30; 2 Peter 2; 1 John 4:1-6; Titus 1:9-16; Phil. 3:2-3, 17-19; Gal. 1:6-9, 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 11:3-4)
4. Based on the criteria in Scripture, what contemporary "Christian" trends or teachings in the church today ought to be considered false teachings or "different doctrine?"
5. Have you ever known someone only interested in "church" for what they could get out of it? How could you tell, and what steps can you take to avoid having a similar attitude? (v.5)
6. Paul says that godliness is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. In what area(s) do you see yourself being prone to discontentment? (vs. 6-8)
7. Does our Western culture tend to promote contentment or discontent? In what ways?
8. What loves other than the love of money might be considered "a root of all sorts of evil?" (vs. 10)
9. How can we arm ourselves against discontentment that might lead to idolatry (love or worship of something above God) in our own lives?