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The Lord wants you to live in His light.

1 Tim. 6:6-7 *But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.*

When you think of the reason that the LORD created us, you begin to realize that He desires to have a relationship with us all. He desires to lavish His love upon His children. In many ways, we have turned to this world to try to meet our needs instead of turning to the only One Who can fulfill us; our LORD. Paul puts this into some beautifully succinct words in this admonition to young Timothy. In essence, Paul is reminding Timothy to focus on things that have eternal value instead of on things that are temporal.

The definition of godliness is that state which is most pleasing to God; conforming to the likeness of Christ. It is being devoted to Him and His call and it results in a life that is pleasing to our God. I have to admit that this is my heart's desire, and yet there are many times that I allow the things of this world to interrupt my focus. I can sometimes be easily distracted and realize that my mind and heart are looking to temporal things instead of looking to my eternal Father. Godliness is not appearing to be legalistic or religious, but instead it is living in harmony with the Holy Spirit and follow His encouragement. This is a daily (even hourly) choice that we must make. I love how Joshua put it to the people in **Josh. 24:15 *But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.***

Dear LORD, help us to realize the greatest gains we will have in this life are found in giving of ourselves and living in Your presence. Help us to abide in You and bring forth much fruit, because apart from You we can do nothing. In Jesus Name, Amen