⁶ Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 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. 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.

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

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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After the talk today, there will be a short Q&A session, time permitting

Next Week: Series: The trials of life Talk: Hope in the trials (Psalm 42 & 43) Speaker: David Rue

Working Life

'Money at work'
1 Timothy 6:6-11, 17-19

Work to live (1 Timothy 6:6-11)

- the contented (v6-8)
 - life essentials ¹ (the nature of contentment)
 - great gain (the value of contentment)
 - right perspective ² (the basis of contentment)
- the covetous (v9-11)
 - the desire
 - the damage 3

Work to give (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

- dangers of being rich
 - self-importance
 - false reliance
- duties of being rich 4

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¹ Geneis 28:20; Deuteronomy 10:18; James 5:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:7; Ephesians 4:28

² Luke 12:15

³ Luke 16:14; 1 Thessalonians 4:11

⁴ Acts 14:17