

Creek Notes, May 5, 2024

The Bible Doesn't Say That:  
"Healthy, Wealthy, & Wise....er, Comfortable"  
1 Timothy 6:3-10, Philipians 4:10-13

→This doctrine has been called the **prosperity** gospel

→This doctrine is a **theodicy**

→It guarantees faith will always make a way by speaking positive **truths**, you lay **claim** to divine blessings

→This doctrine actually started in the early **church** & earlier  
(1 Tim 6:3-5, 2 Cor 2:17, John 9:1-5)

→**External** circumstances were used to judge **faith** and God's **favor**

→This doctrine is all about the **self** and measures with an **earthly** measuring tape

→God does not want us **comfortable**, for this leads to **plateauing**

→God cares more about your **character**, than He does your **comfort**

→This is an **extraBiblical** belief contradicted by Scripture

→Paul writes that **contentment** is what is necessary and needful (1 Tim 6:6-8)

→The Love of **Money**, and all it's wrapped up in, is a **snare** and a trap (1 Tim. 6:7-10, 1 John 2:15-17)

→The secret: being **content** in the state God has you, and **keep trusting** in Him  
(Phil 4:11-13)

→We can do **all** things through Christ, we can be **content** (Phil 4:13, John 15:5)

→Focus on the **Giver**, not the gift or blessing  
(Heb 12:1-2)

→Take heart & have **hope** (Rom 15:13)