

Safety in the Shadow of of the Lord
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Key Concept	Scripture (NIV)	Sub-Points & Rationale	Application
1. True Contentment Comes from God	1 Timothy 6:6-8	1a. Recognize God's Provision – Understanding God provides all we need reduces anxiety. 1b. Separate Needs from Wants – Contentment prevents distractions from spiritual growth. 1c. Godliness + Contentment = Gain – Spiritual health outweighs material accumulation.	Reflect daily on God's provision. Keep a gratitude journal. Resist envy and societal pressure.
2. Warning Against the Love of Money	1 Timothy 6:9-10	2a. Money Can Distract from God – Wealth can become an idol. 2b. Greed Leads to Ruin – Unchecked desire leads to moral compromise. 2c. Faith Must Come First – True safety comes from God, not wealth.	Evaluate financial decisions with faith. Tithe and support community needs. Avoid greed.

3. Use God-Given Resources Wisely	1 Timothy 6:17-19	3a. Generosity Builds Eternal Security – “Treasures in heaven” cannot be lost. 3b. Good Deeds Reflect God’s Character – Actions demonstrate faith. 3c. Hope Anchored in God, Not Wealth – Trust builds spiritual confidence.	Give time, talents, finances. Serve the church and neighbors. Demonstrate faith through generosity.
4. Eternal Consequences of Our Choices	Luke 16:25-26	4a. Life Decisions Have Eternal Impact – Present choices determine spiritual outcomes. 4b. Ignoring God Leads to Regret – Rich man/Lazarus illustrates consequences. 4c. Safety in Obedience – Following God provides refuge from peril.	Daily reflection and prayer. Prioritize spiritual well-being over comfort.
5. God is Our Eternal Refuge	Psalms 91:1-2	5a. Trust in God’s Protection – God’s shelter is constant. 5b. Shadow Symbolizes Safety – Represents nearness and covering. 5c. Faith Strengthens During Trials – Trust allows courage in uncertainty.	Recite Psalm 91. Use God as first defense. Teach reliance on God in prayer.

6. Living with an Eternal Perspective	Matthew 6:19-21	6a. Focus on What Lasts – Earthly treasures are temporary. 6b. Align Heart with God's Values – Treasure determines the heart's condition. 6c. Safety in Eternal Investments – Faith, love, generosity, obedience secure God's protection.	Review life priorities. Invest in spiritual growth, service, and relationships. Avoid overemphasis on material wealth.
7. Safety in Fellowship of Believers	Hebrews 10:24-25; Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10	7a. Encouragement Builds Strength – Accountability and support reinforce faith. 7b. Collective Wisdom Offers Guidance – Godly counsel provides insight and correction. 7c. Shared Faith Creates Protective Community – Praying and looking out for one another strengthens spiritual safety.	Participate in church or small groups. Seek mentors/prayer partners. Build supportive Christian networks.
