

"God Who Richly Supplies"

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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Stewardship – *"Is one that manages, or has oversight over the affairs of another, he does not own that which he has been entrusted with but manages it as if it is his own"*

2,350 passages in the Bible concerning money and material possessions.
That's more than on any other subject.

Theme – 1 Timothy – "Entrusted With The Truth" Paul is giving instructions to Timothy regarding Church Order and Conduct.

1 Timothy 5-6 The Church and Its Ministry:

1 Timothy 6:6-10 Paul spoke to the poor about the danger of wanting to get rich.

1 Timothy 6:11-16 Paul's Final Charge To Timothy "The Man of God"

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Paul returns to the subject of Money: Now Paul speaks to the rich regarding the dangers and responsibilities of riches. Paul balances between the poor and the rich.

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Bible Teaches That Wealth Imposes Both Dangers And Responsibilities On Its Possessors."

1. Verse 17 Dangers Of Riches

2. Verses 17-19 Responsibilities Of Riches

1. Verse 17 Dangers Of Riches:

1 Timothy 6:17 Instruct those **Note The Context** – Paul has described "**The Man of God**" and concluded with "**The God of The Man**" Verses 15-16

Instruct the command denotes a constant repetition of the charge. "*Keep on instructing them*" (*Rich easily deceived*) Comes from the King of Kings!

those who are rich in this present world Paul speaks to those that have much of what the world has to offer, some are thinking only of this present world!

City of Ephesus - extremely wealthy city. **Ephesus** – name meant "*Desirable*"

Ephesus city of Culture, Art, Philosophy, City of Trade, Seaport - River – Main roads, and a free city – with its own Senate and Assembly. Temple of Artemis

who are rich – "*to have more than food and clothing, and shelter, to have discretionary dollars*" Most Western Christians today fall into this category.

Wealth and Poverty are relative terms.

rich in this present world literally *"to the rich in the now age give a charge...."* These are rich, in contrast to those who desire to become rich
1 Timothy 6:9 These are rich believers in contrast to the rich non-believers.

Some become wealthy after their conversion. Abram (**Genesis 13:2**), David, Solomon, other righteous Kings of Judah

present world stresses the present situation in contrast to the eternal.

2 Dangers Confronting The Rich:

1. The Danger Of Pride - not to be conceited – two Greek words, *"to think"* and *"exalted thoughts"* *"to be lofty in mind, arrogant, to be highminded"* We would say, *"That person thinks they're all that!"* Timothy was to charge wealthy Christians to **"not to be conceited"**
Proverbs 18:23; 28:11

Opposite Of Pride Is Humility: Philippians 2:3 Moses
Deuteronomy 8:18

2. Danger Of False Security – or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, (evaluation of their material possessions) **fix their hope** The verb means *"to set one's hope upon something or someone and to leave it there"*

hope on the uncertainty of riches, literally *"putting hope on uncertainty, not even upon the riches themselves"* **Proverbs 23:4-5; (NLT)**
Proverbs 11:28

Luke 12:16-21 Rich man counting his money suddenly dies.

Luke 16:22-23 Rich man that woke up in hell,

Life's Circumstances Are Ever Changing: James 4:13-14
We Don't Know When We Will Die: James 4:14-16

The Only Thing Certain About Material Riches Is That They Are Uncertain: 1 John 2:17

Riches Don't & Can't Satisfy: Ecclesiastes 5:10
Danger - "Today's gains are tomorrow's losses"

2. Verses 17-19 Responsibilities Of Riches:

1 Timothy 6:17 but - Paul changes from Negative to Positive Pursuits:
Paul gives spiritual insider instructions:

7 Actions that the rich should adopt to ensure genuine security.

1. Verse 17 - The Rich Should Trust in God: but in God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

Hope Should Be In God – but on God, Not on gold. (NLT) Psalm 55:16, (KJV) Psalm 56:11

It Is Foolish To Trust In Things Because God Alone Is The True Giver! - God who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

James 1:17; Psalm 50:10-12; Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

2. Verse 18 - The Rich Should Do Good: 1 Timothy 6:18 Instruct them to do good, The phrase literally reads *"to work that which is good"* A rich person should put their money to work.

Wealth must be seen as a divine stewardship and an opportunity to advance the kingdom of God. Ephesians 2:10

Enjoyment is found in giving, sharing, and blessing others! all things to enjoy. Acts 20:35

3. Verse 18 - The Rich Are To Be In Good Works: 1 Timothy 6:18

The Church at Smyrna - Revelation 2:9

The Church of Laodicea - Revelation 3:17

The Macedonians "the riches of their liberality" 2 Corinthians 8:1-2

A rich man is both foolish and poor when he lays up "treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" Luke 12:21

4. Verse 18 - The Rich Are To Be Generous: 1 Timothy 6:18 to be generous literally reads, *"to be persons who impart their possessions in a pleasing fashion"*

Giving And Generosity Go Together - Romans 12:8

We Should Work To Give - Ephesians 4:28

Giving Well, Is Giving Willingly, Bountifully, And Purposefully – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

NT teaches **"Grace Giving"** The OT (Israel) was to **Tithe** – 10% along with other offerings they gave as much as 30% - 35% to God.

1 Corinthians 16:2; Malachi 3:10

God is concerned about Attitudes (The Heart) and Actions!

5. Verse 18 - The Rich Be Ready To Share: 1 Timothy 6:18 and ready to share, "inclined to impart, free in giving" This word is related to the word for "*fellowship*" The emphasis is on financial sharing or communication.

"The blessed believers should be willing to share their heart as well as their resources with others." Titus 3:14

Love Requires That We Give Both Resources And Ourselves: The Poor Churches of Macedonia Paul says, **2 Corinthians 8:4**

6. Verse 19 - The Rich Should Store Treasures In Heaven: storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future,

storing up for themselves "the accumulation of treasure"
Matthew 6:19-21

Solomon Declared - (NLT) Proverbs 11:24-25; Luke 6:38

of a good foundation for the future, Through financial generosity,
Luke 18:22

7. Verse 19 - The Rich Who Live For Eternity Truly Live:
1 Timothy 6:19 life indeed – literally "*Life that is truly life*"

Application:

1. The Rich Battle With Pride And False Security – But Instead Should Trust God And Invest In That Which Is Eternal.
2. We Can't Take It With Us When We Die But We Can Send It Ahead.
3. The Paradox Of Benevolence Is That The More One Gives Away The More One Deposits Into Heaven.