

**“Money Matters”**  
**1 Timothy 6:17-19**  
**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

**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”*

There are at least **2,350 passages** in the Bible dealing with money and material possessions. That’s more than on any other subject.

**The Bible teaches that Money is “The Great Revealer of The Soul.”**

**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:** 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 The Rich**

**2. Verses 17-19 Responsibilities Of The Rich**

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**1 Timothy 6:17 Note The Context** – Paul has described “The Man of God” and concluded with “The God of The Man” **1 Timothy 6:15-16**

**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!

**The City of Ephesus** - was an extremely wealthy city.  
**Ephesus** – name meant: "*Desirable.*"

**who are rich** – "*to have more than food and clothing, and shelter, to have discretionary dollars.*" Most Western Christians today fall into this category.  
**1 Timothy 6:8**

Wealth and Poverty are relative terms. Neither can be neatly defined.

**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**

**Some become wealthy after their conversion.** Abraham (**Genesis 13:2**), David, Solomon, other righteous Kings of Judah, and Joseph of Arimathea, (**Matthew 27:57**)

**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 high-minded.*"

**Proverbs 18:23; Proverbs 28:11**

**Pride can become the curse of the rich. (Often Wealth & Conceit Go Together)**

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

**2. Danger Of False Security – or to fix their hope** The verb means: "*to set one's hope upon something or someone and to leave it there*" The proud & wealthy are **Short-Sighted!** And have **False Hope!**

**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 The Rich**

**1 Timothy 6:17 but - Paul changes from negative to positive pursuits: 7 Actions that the rich should take to ensure genuine security.**

**1. Verse 17 The Rich Should Trust in God: but in God,**

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

**(KJV) Psalm 56:11 In God have I put my trust:**

**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 Should Be Rich in Good Works:  
1 Timothy 6:18 to be rich in good works,**

**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 Should 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**

I believe that the 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 Should 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.

**Titus 3:14**

**Love Requires That We Give Both Resources And Ourselves:**

The Poor Churches of Macedonia, Paul says, **2 Corinthians 8:4-5**

- 6. Verse 19 The Rich Should Store Treasures In Heaven: storing up for themselves** - speaks of *"the accumulation of treasure"* **Trusting in God, doing good, rich in good works, generous and ready to share! (NLT) Proverbs 11:24-25; Luke 6:38**

**of a good foundation for the future,** - Through this financial generosity, a rich believer can lay a future reward for holy service,  
**Luke 18:22**

- 7. Verse 19 The Rich Who Live For Eternity Can Enjoy Eternal Life: 1 Timothy 6:19 so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.**

**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 In Heaven.