

**“Life Worth Giving”**  
**1 Timothy 6:17-19**  
**Sunday July 31, 2016**

**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.

**Theme – 1 Timothy – “Entrusted With The Truth”; Paul is giving instructions to Timothy regarding Church Order and Conduct.**

**1 Tim 5-6 – The Church and Its Ministry.**

**“The Bible teaches that wealth imposes both ‘Dangers’ and ‘Responsibilities’ on its possessors.”**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** “The Rich Battle With Pride, But Instead Should Trust God And Invest In That Which Is Eternal.”

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**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” – “Keep on instructing them”

“who are rich” – “to have more than food and clothing, and shelter; to have discretionary dollars”, 1 Timothy 6:8.

“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.

**Two 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

Opposite Of Pride Is Humility: Philippians 2:3.

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.”

“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

## **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 insure 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,” (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

1 Timothy 6:18

- 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 man should put his money to work.

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

- 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.”

Galatians 6:6

Love Requires That We Give Both Money And Ourselves:  
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.”

Solomon Declared – (NLT) Proverbs 11:24-25

Luke 6:38

“of a good foundation for the future,” – Luke 18:22

**7. Verse 19 – The Rich Who Live For Eternity Can Enjoy Life Now:** 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 He Deposits In Heaven.