

Sun. Morning

# RICH IN WHAT MATTERS MOST

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**Text:** 1 Timothy 6:17-19

*"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." (1 Timothy 6:17-19)*

- Deut 8:17 Not your strength that got your wealth

## INTRODUCTION

- Deut 8:18 source of wealth
  - \* Lord God gives person power to get wealth
  - x health
  - x physical ability
  - x human talents
  - x intelligence
  - \* remember God & His New Covenant

*"And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? 18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? 21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:15-21)*

covet  
means  
greedy

**Quote:** "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." —Jim Elliot

*"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:" (Matthew 6:20)*

- 1 Tim 6:10 Love of money is root of all evil
- 1 Tim 6:9 those desiring to be rich fall into temptation

- be thankful: you will enjoy things you have  
\* remember God the gift giver

## 1. THE Audience (v. 17) - wealthy people

### 2. THE Danger (v. 17)

#### A. To Be High minded (proud)

self  
boasting

"For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" (1 Corinthians 4:7)

#### B. To Put Your Trust in riches (money)

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." (Proverbs 11:24)

charity  
stingy

### 3. TO BE Rich IN WHAT MATTERS MOST (v. 18)

#### A. Do good - use things in your hand

Do good

"Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." (Isaiah 1:17)

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." (Titus 3:8)

"And let our's also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful." (Titus 3:14)

#### B. Be Rich in Good works

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:8-10)

#### C. Be Ready to give

- 2 Cor 8:12 willing heart according to things you have

D. Lay in Store for eternity

*"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)*

**CONCLUSION**

- 1 Tim 6:6 Godliness with contentment is great gain
- 1 Tim 6:8 Content (& thankful) with food & clothing (& shelter from weather elements)



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