

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: 1 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 – *charge them that are rich in this world*

Today's Message:

"In God We Trust"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, the focus of our passage was being *faithful*. We must be faithful until death or Jesus comes. This week, our passage applies to those that have this world's good and can help others. Jesus Christ said our time (*the Laodicean Church Period*) would be people thinking they are **RICH** and increased with goods and have need of **NOTHING**. In the Bible, some think they are poor, and God says they are rich; others think they are rich, and God says they are poor. Our focus today is on the *generosity* of believers.

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Timothy 6:17-19

#1. *Worldly Riches* – God charges them that are **RICH** in this world. (17)

RICH IN THIS WORLD

- ✓ **MATERIAL** riches – *you are blessed with earthly treasures.* Mt 6:19-21; 1Jn 3:17
- ✓ **PERSONAL** riches – *you are blessed with health, time, and talents.* Acts 17:24-25

BE NOT HIGHMINDED

- ✓ Riches can give you a big **HEAD!** Rom 11:20; 12:16; Php 3:15; Jas 2:1-5; Job 12:20

TRUST IN *UNCERTAIN* RICHES

- ✓ Material riches are *not* **CERTAIN**. Prov 23:5; 27:24; Ecc 5:13-14
- ✓ Material riches should *not* be **TRUSTED**. Deut 8:17; Job 31:24-28; Ps 52:7; 62:10; Prov 11:28; 30:8-9; Jer 9:23-24; Dan 4:30; Hos 13:6; Hab 1:15-16
- ✓ **Do not be like** the rich man and his **MONEY**. Mk 10:17-25 (*His god was his money*)
- ✓ **Do not be like** the rich man and his **THINGS**. Lk 12:15-21 (*He was not rich toward God*)
- ✓ **Do not be like** the rich man and his **DEATH**. Lk 16:19-31 (*Fared sumptuously every day*)

TRUST IN *THE LIVING* GOD 1John 5:10-12; Ps 62:8; 84:11-12; 118:8-9; Jer 17:7-8

- ✓ **Like...** **ABRAHAM** Gen 13:2 (*very rich*); Heb 11:8-10, 17-19 (*by faith Abraham*)
- ✓ **Like...** **JOB** Job 1:1-3 (*greatest of all the men of the East*), 8; 2:3; Ezek 14:14,20
- ✓ **Like...** **ZACCHAEUS** Lk 19:2, 9-10; 7:34 (*Jesus... a friend of publicans and sinners!*)
- ✓ **Like...** **JOSEPH** Mt 27:57-60; Mk 15:43-46; Lk 23:50-54 (*rich man, good man*)

NOTE We trust in many things in a world of vanities; our trust ought to be in God!

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"Trust"
To place confidence in; to rely on; to believe; to depend on.

#2. Rich Blessings – God sets the standard for GIVING richly all things. (17)

GIVETH US RICHLY ALL THINGS TO ENJOY Acts 17:25; Ps 104:24-30; Ecc 5:18-19

GRACE
G – God’s
R – Riches
A – At
C – Christ’s
E – Expense

- ✓ **GIVETH** God gave the most; you cannot outgive God. **Jn 3:16; 2Cor 8:9**
- ✓ **LIFE** God is the giver and sustainer of life. **Job 33:4; Eph 3:9; Col 1:16**
- ✓ **BREATH** God gives breath and can take it away. **Gen 2:7; Ps 104:29; 150:6**
- ✓ **ALL THINGS** God gives us richly all things to enjoy! **Rom 5:1-11; 1Cor 3:21-23**
- ✓ **TO ENJOY** God has told us not to love the world, but we can **ENJOY** things!

NOTE I can enjoy anything and everything in the world as long as it glorifies God (**1Cor 6:20**), edifies (**1 Cor 6:12**), and draws me closer to Him (**Php 3:10**).

We are so incredibly blessed by our Creator! *The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell... O love of God, how rich and pure!* (Hymn 188)

#3. Rich Goodness – God commands the rich to be GENEROUS. (18-19)

W1828 “Generosity”

The quality of being generous; liberality in principle; a quality of the heart or mind opposed to meanness or parsimony (excessive caution).

PRIORITY ACTIONS Acts 20:35 (more blessed to give); 2Cor 5:14 (the love of Christ)

- ✓ **DO GOOD** – do all the good you can for all people, especially believers. **Gal 6:10**
- ✓ **BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS** – live a life that overflows with charity. **Lk 6:46; Jn 6:11**
- ✓ **BE READY TO DISTRIBUTE** – prepare your heart to give. **Lk 18:22-24; Acts 20:35**
- ✓ **BE WILLING TO COMMUNICATE** – become a cheerful giver! **2Cor 9:7; Php 4:15**

“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people that you can, as long as ever you can.” - John Wesley

ETERNAL REWARDS Rom 14:10-12; 1Cor 3:9-15; 2Cor 5:10

- ✓ **LAY UP IN STORE... A GOOD FOUNDATION... LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE.**

“Let us live, then, in the light of eternity. If we do not, we are weighting the scales against our eternal welfare. We must understand that “whatsoever a man soweth” must be taken in its widest meaning, and that every thought and intent of the heart will come under the scrutiny of the Lord at His coming. We can be sure that at the Judgment Seat of Christ there will be a marked difference between the Christian who has lived his life before the Lord, clearly discerning what was for the glory of God, and another Christian who was saved in a rescue mission at the tag end of a depraved and vicious life, or a nominal Christian saved on his deathbed after a life of self-pride, self-righteousness, self-love, and self-sufficiency. All will be in heaven, but the differences will be eternal. We may be sure that the consequences of our character will survive the grave and that we shall face those consequences at the Judgment Seat of Christ.”

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