

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

— 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Discussion/Journal Questions

As we approach Thanksgiving weekend, what are your thoughts on Black Friday? Is it a tradition for your family? Is it something you enjoy, or something you avoid?

Have two or three people read 1 Timothy 6:17-19 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

In the sermon, John said that everyone is created with a “God-shaped emptiness.” How have you experienced this in your own life?

How are you feeling stretched thin this season? Are you feeling stretched with your money, your time, your energy, or all three?

John mentioned four levels of generosity. The non-giver, the giver, the generous giver, and the radical giver. Regardless of what level you are at now, what keeps you from living as a radical giver?

How would your life be different if you became a generous or radical giver?

Spend some time in silent prayer, asking God where He wants you to place His money.