

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

On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable are you with the Church preaching or talking about money? Why?

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?

Do you agree that our relationship with money is a valid topic for discipleship? Why or why not?

In 1 Timothy 6:17, Paul tells us not to trust in money because it is unreliable. What makes money or wealth unreliable?

One of the reasons we trust God instead of money is because God owns everything. How does it change your relationship with money when you recognize yourself as a manager rather than an owner of your wealth?

One of the key points of John's sermon is that how we view God affects how we view money. Do you trust that God is generous? Or do you believe God is stingy?

In 1 Timothy 6:18, what are we called to do with our money? What does this look like practically in your own life?