

L18: 1 Timothy 6:17-21: Rich in Good Works

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- Man of God
 - Flee, follow, fight
 - Lay hold on eternal life
- One mediator between God and men - the man Christ Jesus
 - He will shew who is the blessed and only Potentate
 - "The Mighty God"

Sermon Preview:

- The rich in this world
 - For the rich
 - For the poor
- Trusting in uncertain riches - thought I trusted in Christ
 - Trust in the Living God
- Do good
 - Rich in good works
 - Ready to distribute
 - Willing to communicate
- Reward
 - Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation
 - Against the time to come
- Lay hold on eternal life
- Avoid
 - Profane and vain
 - Babblings
 - Oppositions of science falsely so called
 - Err concerning the faith

Sermon:

1Ti 6:17 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;

- "Charge them"
 - "that are rich in this world"
 - Authority & men

- Men and women
- Bishops, deacons and the church
- Elder and younger
- Widows indeed and younger widows
- Masters and servants
- Rich and poor

1. **"that they be not highminded"**

2. **"nor trust in uncertain riches"**

3. **"do good"**

- i. Rich in good works
- ii. Ready to distribute
- iii. Willing to communicate
- iv. Laying up in store
- v. Lay hold

• **"rich in this world"**

- There estate is that in which they have much in this world - material things
 - Matt. 19:16-25

• **"that they be not highminded"**

- In a position on this earth in a higher position or having more materially in this world
- God's kingdom is not of this world
 - It isn't in the riches of this world
- Shouldn't be focused on the riches of this world, but the high calling of God in Christ Jesus

• **"nor trust in uncertain riches"**

- Test of trusting riches or things
 - Discontent, tiredness, disappointment,
 - Other effects - lack of hope, not satisfaction in God, not rich toward God
- Matt. 6:19-26
 - Luke 12:16-21
- **"uncertain"** - doubtful; not sure, no confidence, no hope

• **"but in the living God"**

- Contrast to uncertain
- "uncertain riches" - fleshly/fashion of this world
- Trust in God in this life

• **"who giveth us richly all things to enjoy"**

- Using them for God's purpose is life and joy
- Get these reversed and its' idolatry
 - Idolatry to Enjoyment
 - Priority

1Ti 6:18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

- **"That they do good"**
 - Clear command "do good"
- **"that they be rich in good works"**
 - Men authority today isn't the issue, but godliness today - authority in the future
 - Women outward appearance today isn't the issue, but godliness today - glory in the future
 - Rich riches today isn't the issue, but rich in good works - glorious investment in the future
- **"ready to distribute"**
 - Rom. 12 - "distribute to the necessity of saints"
 - Distribution of wealth - shouldn't want the government to distribute your wealth by way of tax we should do so freely - readily
 - **"ready"** - willing, instant, have it don't hold it
 - Don't lay hold on this life, but eternal life by distributing
 - **"to distribute"** - to divide among two or more
- **"willing to communicate"** - liberal
 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-2
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

1Ti 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

- **"Laying up in store"**
 - Building a supply, storing riches
 - Luke 12:18
- **"for themselves a good foundation against the time to come"**
 - **"for themselves a good foundation"**
 - A foundation that will last and persevere through the test of it
 - Matthew 7:26-27
 - **"against the time to come"**
 - 1 Cor. 3 - the judgment seat of Christ

- The time in which we give an account
- 2 Tim. 4:6-8

- **"that they may lay hold on eternal life"**
 - "lay hold on" - took, take hold, caught
 - To seize, catch

1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

1Ti 6:21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen

- **"keep that which is committed to thy trust"**
 - 1 Timothy 4:12-16
- **"avoiding profane and vain babblings"**
 - 1 Timothy 1:6, 4:1, 6:3-5
- **"and oppositions of science falsely so called:"**
 - Knowledge that opposes the faith
 - Knowledge that is false, but taken for truth
 - Erred - to miss the mark, deviate from truth
 - 1 Tim. 1:6 - "swerved"
 - 2 Tim. 2:18 - "erred" - resurrection

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize