Christ Family Church

BECOMING

Instructions to the Church
from the Pastoral Epistles



THE CHURCH'S TREASURE

1 Timothy 6:17–21 (ESV)

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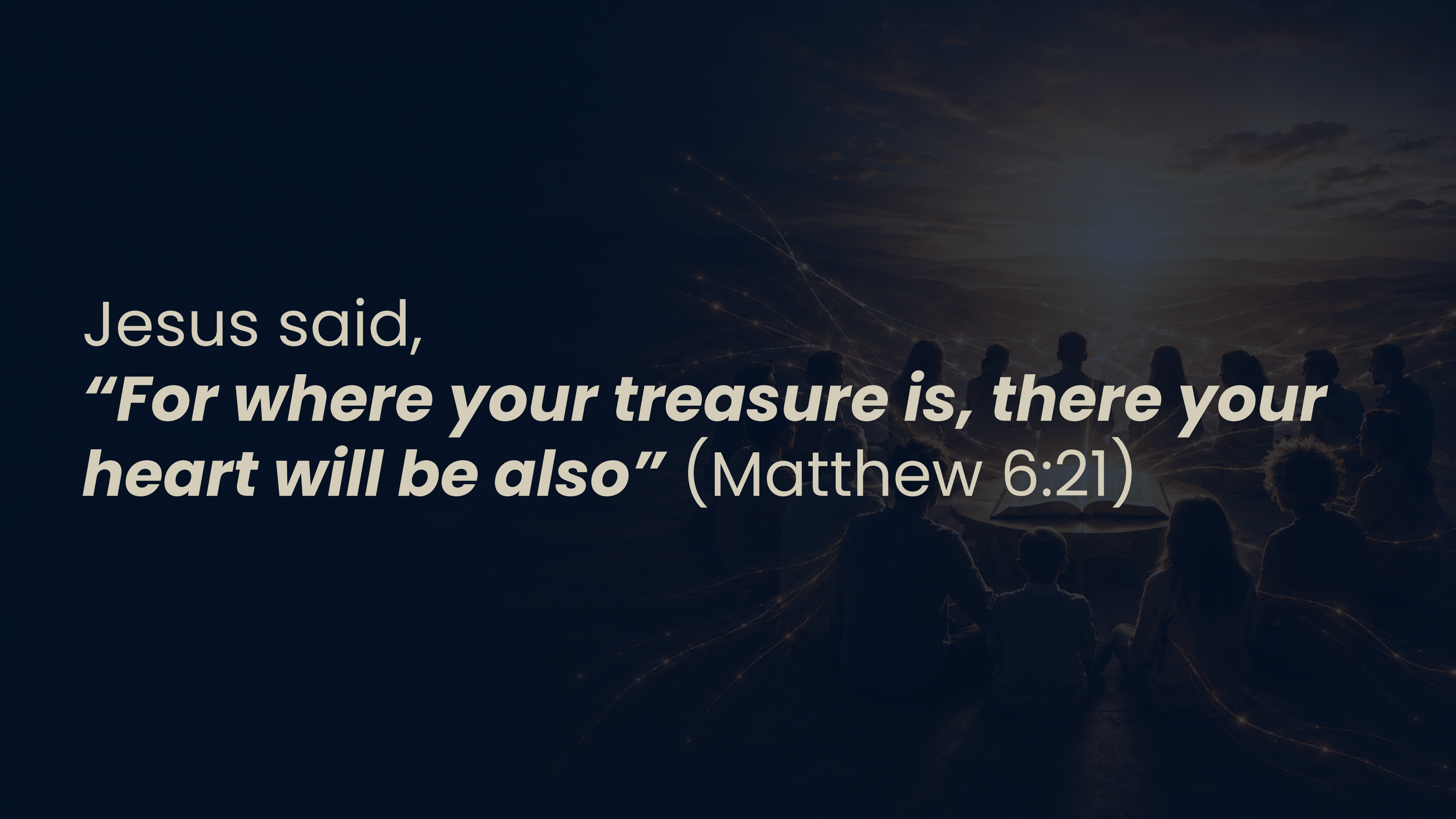
Jesus said,
“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21)



SCRIPTURE READING | 1 Timothy 6:17–21 (ESV)

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18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,”

21 for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.

BIG IDEA

A church that treasures Jesus above everything else will reveal His worth through the way its people trust, live, and depend upon Him.

PROPOSITIONAL STATEMENT

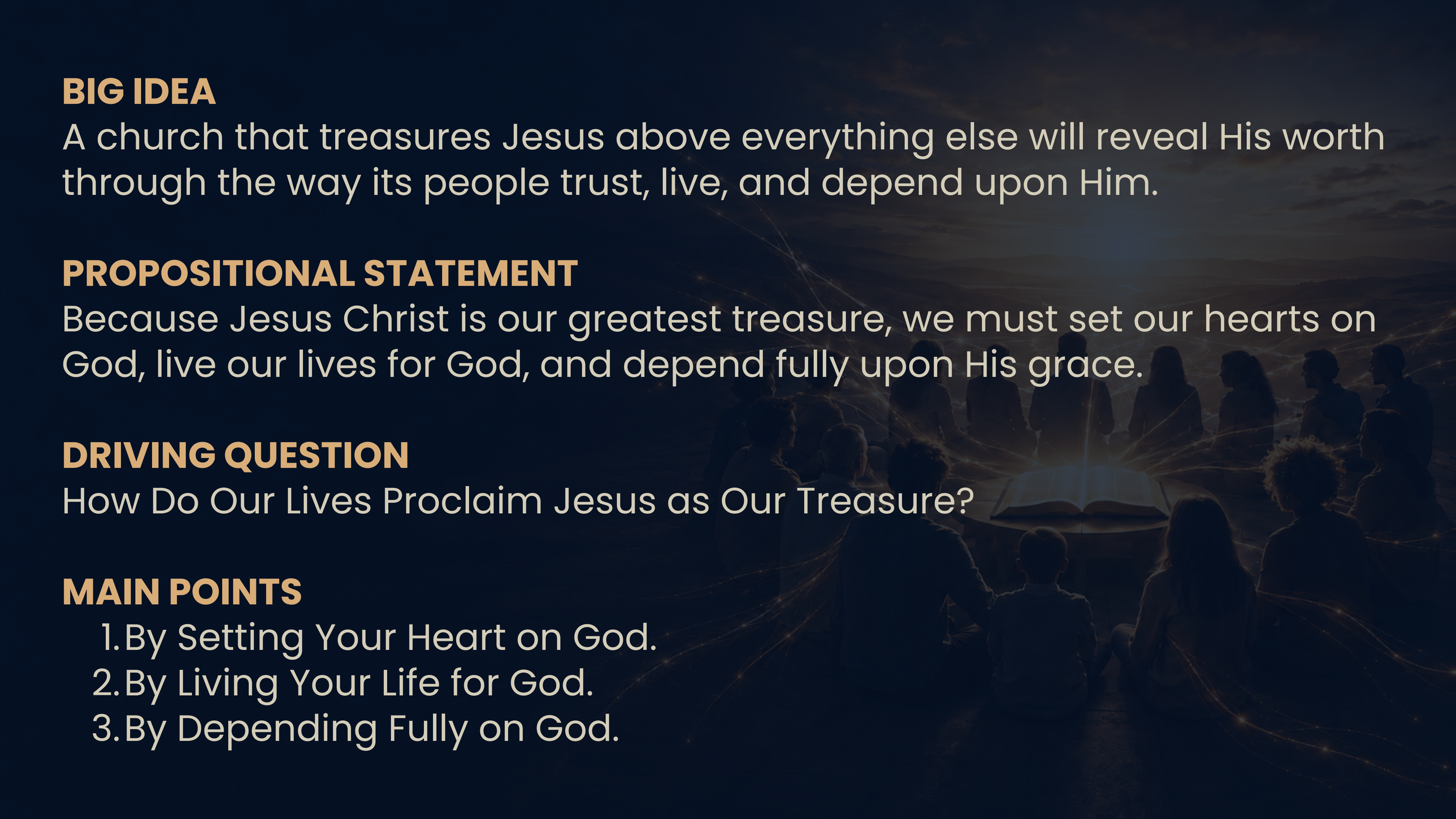
Because Jesus Christ is our greatest treasure, we must set our hearts on God, live our lives for God, and depend fully upon His grace.

DRIVING QUESTION

How Do Our Lives Proclaim Jesus as Our Treasure?

MAIN POINTS

1. By Setting Your Heart on God.
2. By Living Your Life for God.
3. By Depending Fully on God.



1. BY SETTING YOUR HEART ON GOD | Verse 17

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

a. Do Not Find Your Value in Riches

First, he says, “Charge them not to be haughty.” In other words: Do not be proud. Do not look down on others because you have more. Do not measure your importance by the things you can afford.

b. Do Not Find Your Security in Riches

Paul continues: “nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.”

2. LIVE YOUR LIFE FOR GOD | Verses 18–19

Paul writes: “They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

a. Be Rich in Good Works

He says, “They are to do good, to be rich in good works.”

b. Be Generous and Ready to Share

Then Paul becomes very specific: “to be generous and ready to share.”

c. Live for the Treasure That Lasts

Verse 19 says that believers who live this way are “storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

3. DEPEND FULLY ON GOD | Verses 20–21

Listen again to Paul's final words: “O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called ‘knowledge,’ for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.”

a. Guard the Gospel Entrusted to You

Paul began this letter by charging Timothy to confront false teaching and to preserve the truth. He ends where he began: “Guard the deposit entrusted to you.”

b. Refuse What Would Lead You Away from Christ

Paul says to avoid “irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called ‘knowledge,’” because some who professed it had swerved from the faith.

c. Rest in the Grace That Makes It Possible

And then listen to how Paul finishes: “Grace be with you.”

CONCLUSION | What Does Your Life Proclaim?

- *If someone examined your life, what would they conclude you treasure most?*
- *Where does your heart rest? What captures your affection? What directs your priorities? What gives you hope when life becomes uncertain?*
- *If those questions expose divided affections in your heart, do not walk out of here thinking the answer is simply to try harder to treasure Jesus. The answer is to look again at Jesus. Behold Him.*