



# FUSION

CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

April 28, 2024

Series Title: Stewardship  
Sermon Title: Always a Portion, Sometimes a Sacrifice  
Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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. 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.

#### Points to Consider:

What Instructions does Paul give Timothy for those who are rich?

*-Refrain from Conceit (vs. 17)*

*-Rely on what is Certain (vs. 17)*

*-Rich in Good Works (vs. 18)*

*-Ready in Generosity (vs. 18)*

#### Discussion Questions:

Paul instructs Timothy to “command” and/or “pass along” to the rich to not be “**arrogant**” or “**high-minded**” as it relates to their wealth, nor to “trust” or “hope” in their riches, but in **God who richly provides** everything to **enjoy**. What can we conclude about the source, mindset, and purpose of earthly possessions?

How does Paul connect riches with good works? How does Paul connect good works with storing up treasure as a good foundation for the future (avoid the initial impulse to read heaven into this statement)?

What is the consequence of storing up treasure as a good foundation for the future? How does Paul relate this concept to the “good life”?