

# IN IT TO WIN IT

## Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!” (James 1:22 NIV)

### SUMMARY

Pastor Frank had us look at 1 Timothy 6:17-19 in his teaching entitled “What to Do with Wealth” in our *In It to Win It* series. The Apostle Paul gave Timothy godly principles to exhort those who had material riches to be giving of their time, talents, and treasures. When we are generous to the Lord here, our promised eternal rewards will be everlasting and growing!

#### 1. **Wealth has a way of getting in the way!** [See also Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 12:13-21]

- Why has the discussion of finances become seemingly ‘off limits’ in Christian circles?
- Has the pursuit of wealth ever been a pitfall in your life? Explain.
- How have you wrestled with God as it relates to giving and generosity?

#### 2. **Recognize where your resource comes from...and respond accordingly.**

- What is something significant you recently received? Was it expected?
- Share a time when it was difficult to give to Him, yet you continued to faithfully do so, and He blessed your generosity.
- What measure of financial accountability do you think Christians need in their life?
- What financial accountability do you have in place for your life currently?

### APPLICATION

#### 3. **Remember, godliness promises blessings in this life and the life to come!**

- “No one can be godly (that is, being Christ-like) and not be generous.” – Pastor Frank
  - How has the generosity of Christ been minimized or forgotten in your life?
  - When you think of the person and ministry of Jesus Christ, is ‘generous’ an adjective you’d use to describe Him? Why or why not?
- “This life on earth is the shorter leg of our journey!” – Pastor Frank
  - What are some practical ways to ‘store up treasure for the coming age’?
  - Would you be willing to have less for a little while (on earth) so that you will have something more significant forever (in heaven)? Why?

#### 4. **Let’s ready ourselves to enjoy what God has provided!**

- How can you make giving to God more of a priority in your life after hearing this teaching and engaging in this discussion?

### PRAYER

Pray for the obedience to be generous by putting Him first with your resources.  
Pray for forgiveness in the areas of stinginess you have towards Him.

