

TIMELESS FINANCIAL ADVICE

Courageous Message Series Week 7

1 Timothy 6:3-19

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How do we honor God, bless others, and advance His kingdom with His finances?

1. Make contentment the goal. (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

“So it is in Christ that we possess both ‘godliness’ and ‘contentment’—‘great gain’ beyond the dreams of avarice. We may become shirtless and shoeless and even homeless, but if we have Christ’s life, his godliness, and his sufficiency, we will be rich.”

R. Kent Hughes & Bryan Chapell, *1-2 Timothy and Titus*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2012, p. 158.

2. Guard our hearts against the love of money.

(1 Timothy 6:9-10)

“You do not have to be rich to fall to greed. In fact, the danger may be even more intense for the ambitious poor. Some of the most greedy are those who once had or even now have so little.”

R. Kent Hughes & Bryan Chapell, *1-2 Timothy and Titus*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2012, p. 159.

3. Be careful, wealth can lead to pride. (1 Timothy 6:17)

“Wealth deludes people into imagining they are of superior value. The delusion goes like this: ‘I have more than other people—therefore I am superior. And certainly God sees my superiority—otherwise I would not be so *blessed*.’”

R. Kent Hughes & Bryan Chapell, *1-2 Timothy and Titus*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2012, p. 172.

4. Put our hope in God, not wealth. (1 Timothy 6:17)

“Christians are not to ‘set’ our hopes on the uncertainty of riches. How hard this is if you have an abundance! If you have a comfortable, well-furnished home and a top-of-the-line car, it is hard not to rely upon your things to insulate you and carry you through life. In truth, the only thing *certain* about material riches is that they are passing away.”

R. Kent Hughes & Bryan Chapell, *1-2 Timothy and Titus*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2012, p. 173.

5. Be generous. (1 Timothy 6:18)

“The New Testament teaches that wealth is not a sin, but it is an immense responsibility. If it feeds pride and roots us deeper in this world, it will devour us. But wealth is also a vast opportunity because as Calvin wisely remarked, ‘A man’s opportunities to do good to others increase with the abundance of his riches.’”

R. Kent Hughes & Bryan Chapell, *1-2 Timothy and Titus*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2012, pp. 174-175.

6. Invest in the eternal. (1 Timothy 6:19)