

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING WEALTH AND RICH CHURCH MEMBERS – 1 TIMOTHY 6:9-10, 17-19

After working through our last study in verses 3-8 involving contentious people and _____ the apostle Paul leads into an exposition about Christians possessing financial _____. Living for the moment while striving to obtain inordinate amounts of material profit can never produce contentment. However, a godly life will result in great gain, therefore it is of utmost importance to lay hold on the right _____. Today's text concerns wealth—its burdens, and the _____—their obligations toward God, self and others.

1. The sorrows of wealth – 1 Timothy 6:9-10

a. The downfall of riches – verse 9

- Temptation

Tempted to trust self and wealth more than God and the Bible

Tempted to store up treasures on earth

Tempted to invest more in material things than developing your character

Tempted to gain power over people and circumstances—money = power, power = money

Tempted by anything and everything that is against God and a godly lifestyle

- A snare

Everything money can buy that prevents you from living a life of freedom in Christ

Anything that entraps you and holds you captive

- Many foolish and hurtful _____

Which _____ men in destruction and perdition

b. The root of all evil – verse 10

- The _____ of money – Ecc. 5:9-11; 1 John 2:15-16

If you covet (deep desire for, crave, yearn for) financial gain you have erred from the faith and pierced yourself through with many _____

2. The charges to the rich – 1 Timothy 6:17-19

a. Trust in the _____ God – verse 17

- Be not highminded

God gave you the _____ to make wealth – Deut. 8:18; Pr. 10:4

- Do _____ trust in uncertain riches
Riches are temporary and can be lost very easily
God gives us richly all things to enjoy – James 1:17

b. What they need to do – verse 18

- Do _____
Be rich in good works
- Distribute your wealth
Be willing to *communicate* to those in need – the local church, missionaries, purchase of Bibles, tracts and materials for distribution, helping to fund short term mission trips, assisting the poor and needy...

c. Their _____ – verse 19

- A good foundation against the *time to come* – Ro. 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:12-13; 2 Cor. 5:10
We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ
- Laying hold on eternal life
Enjoying the _____ abundant life in Christ