

Protection From Wealth

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19

When it comes to wealth...

...the good news is: you're rich!
(Ecclesiastes 5:19)

...the bad news is: you're rich!
(Luke 18:24-25)

The world tells us that we are owners of our wealth and that riches equal success.
God tells us that we are stewards of our wealth and that riches are deceitful.

The enemy of your soul wants you to serve money.
(Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 6:10)

If we do...

... we will never have enough.
(Ecclesiastes 5:10; Proverbs 18:11)

... we may have money in the bank but no peace in our soul.
(Proverbs 15:16)

... we will struggle to be rich in generosity.
(2 Corinthians 8:2-3; 1 Timothy 6:19)

Small Group Questions

1. How do you respond when the pastors talk about money? How do you respond when Jesus talks about money? Is there a difference? Explain.
2. What is your reaction to the good and bad news of being rich?
(Ecclesiastes 5:19 vs. Luke 18:24-25)
3. How has your wealth deceived you in the past?
(1 Timothy 6:17-18)
4. What do you think would happen (to you and others) if you made the commitment to live a more generous life?
(1 Timothy 6:19)
5. How can you personally leverage your wealth and influence for biblical generosity?
(2 Corinthians 8:1-15)