

November 24, 2013  
*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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1 Timothy 6:17-19

## **“The Rich – Part Two”**

- I. The Prologue (1:1-20)
- II. The Body (2:1-6:19)
  - A. Paul’s Instruction concerning Conduct in the Church (2:1-3:16)
  - B. Paul’s Instruction to Timothy concerning His Personal Ministry (4:1-6:19)
    - 1. Timothy’s Attention to Himself and His Teaching (4:1-16)
    - 2. Timothy’s Relationships with Groups in the Church (5:1-25)
    - 3. Paul’s Final Instruction to Timothy (6:1-19)
      - a. Timothy’s Instruction to Slaves (6:1-2)
      - b. Timothy’s Awareness of False Teachers (6:3-10)
      - c. Timothy’s Proper Pursuits (6:11-16)
      - d. Timothy’s Instructions to the Rich (6:17-19)
        - 1) Dangers – v. 17
          - a. Foolish Haughtiness
          - b. Foolish Hope

### **2) Duties – v. 18-19**

#### **a. The Pastor – “Instruct”**

#### **b. The Rich**

##### **i. Do Good**

##### **ii. Be Rich in Good Works**

##### **iii. Be Generous**

##### **iv. Be Ready to Share**

##### **v. Store up the Treasure of a Good Foundation for the Future**

##### **vi. Take Hold of “Life Indeed”**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is God's attitude toward giving? (Jn. 3:16; Acts 20:35) What are some common attitudes Americans have toward giving? Toward giving sacrificially? Toward giving sacrificially and getting "nothing" in return? How can we change those attitudes? How can we develop a heart that finds joy and exhilaration in giving sacrificially? (See 2 Cor. 8-9)
2. Paul gives specific duties for rich people in v. 18-19. How would you define each of the following statements? What other biblical commands or principles come to your mind when you think of these statements?
  - a. Do good
  - b. Be rich in good works
  - c. Be generous
  - d. Be ready to share
  - e. Store up for yourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future
  - f. SO THAT you may take hold of that which is life indeed
2. What are the benefits of living that way? List as many as you can.
3. Paul says that conceit and fixing our hope on riches will keep us from living that way. What are some other things that keep us from living that way? Be practical and specific (i.e., failure to develop a budget that includes "giving" as a significant percentage of it and sticking with it...).
4. Read Luke 3:7-14. John the Baptist called people to bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance. What examples did he give of what genuine repentance looks like? How many of them had to do with money / possessions? What is the point? (See Mt. 6:19-21; Lk. 12:13-21, 33-34) What might John the Baptist say to Americans who want to demonstrate true repentance and faith in Jesus?
5. Randy Alcorn made four profound statements about wealth / money. What is your reaction to each?
  - a. God does not prosper you to raise your standard of living but to raise your standard of giving!
  - b. For those who say they cannot tithe. "If you were to lose 10% of your income would you die?"
  - c. The greatest deterrent to giving is the illusion that earth is our home.
  - d. You can't take it with you but you can send it on ahead.
6. Stats: The U.S. has 4.5% of the world's population but over 50% of the world's wealth. Of all the worldwide wealth that is in the hands of Christians, about 80% is in the hands of American Christians. What would Paul say to American Pastors? What would Paul say to American Christians? What steps of obedience will we begin to take this week?
7. If you had more money to give what specific ministry would you support? What could you reduce in your monthly expenses in order to do that (i.e., publications, cable TV, Starbucks...)? How could you increase your monthly income in order to give more (i.e., get a second job, sell things on Ebay, etc.)?
8. What one specific thing will you do differently this week in response to this study?

