

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-21

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.

20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, 21 which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

Grace be with you all.

REFLECTIONS

- Have you ever made the connection that good theology leads to good works, or do you see them as different categories?
- What does the Bible mean when it says, “this present age”?
- Are you familiar enough with sound doctrine (good theology) to recognize bad theology, or false teachers?
- What is a way we might misunderstand concepts like “storing up treasure for the future”?
- Most people (especially Christians) wouldn’t consciously admit that we enjoy/ put our trust in money or material objects. But are there things in your life that are actually putting your trust in rather than in God?
- We often assume that learning theology is only for the pastors/theologians, but Jesus’ command was to “make disciples of all nations, TEACHING them to obey...” How can you pursue learning more about what Jesus wanted us to be taught?

1 TIMOTHY 6:18

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