

1 Timothy 6:17-19
A Word to the Wealthy

Unintimidated ...

- I. Charge the Rich
 - A. Be Poor
 - B. Be Wise
 - C. Trust God
 - D. Be Generous
 - E. Be Investors
- II. To Take Hold of Life
 - A. A Foundation
 - B. Forever

... entirely sincere.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why is Paul concerned about the rich people in the church?
2. How much of what people have on earth will they take into eternity?
3. What does he say the people should "be rich" in?
4. What can you do this week to be more generous? (tell you parents what it is today)

God's Riches and Ours

While God never condemns wealth in itself in His Word, He certainly offers many warnings to the wealthy of this world. Whatever our socio-economic status might be, we must make sure we are not earthbound and materially focused in this life. That is hard to do without wealth, but there is a special danger to people of means who lose sight of what is most important and what lasts forever. There is a tender balance between enjoying prosperity and keeping it in perspective. To counterbalance the temptation to self-reliance Paul wants Timothy to remind the rich to trust in God and not their earthly possessions. To counterbalance hoarding their assets they are to be reminded to be generous and ready to share. Unlike some passages addressing the rich, there seems to be no rebuke here, just a genuine concern for the souls of those who have been especially materially blessed by God.