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THE LESSON OF WHITEMARSH HALL I Timothy 6:17-19

- I. Fix your hope on what is certain
 - A. NOT
 - 1. Be arrogant
 - 2. Hope in material wealth, which is so uncertain
 - B. BUT hope in God Who is
 - 1. Certain
 - 2. Generous
- II. Fix your investments in what is solid
 - A. What to do
 - Do good CPC both minister to pain in CPC, and mobilize to minister to the pain & problems in our community
 - 2. Be rich in good deeds
 - 3. Be **generous**
 - 4. Be willing to share

i.e. imitate God in your gratitude to Him for v13-6 See our facility as a *Community Center*

- B. What results: TREASURE in heaven
 - 1. Laying up a firm foundation of treasure for Eternity
 - 2. Laying hold of Real Life

Sum up the general principles:

- 1. Trust in God, not your money/investments
- 2. Beware arrogance and a superior attitude toward those who have less
- 3. Reflect God's generosity in gratitude to Him for His generosity to you
- 4. Set your affections on eternal treasures, grasping opportunities for storing up more

In the opportunity before us:

- 1. See sacrifice of temporal wealth for these three years as an investment in eternal dividends
 - Come this Friday to The Gathering for Fun & Final Thoughts before your final decision for Sunday
- 2. Trust God, not your cushion

The story of Whitemarsh Hall