

Become Truly Rich!

1 Timothy 6.17-21

poverty is bad news Prov 6.11; 10.15

Lk 12.33; Gal 2.10; Mat 26.11

but don't fall in love with money v10

Luke 16.13

1. Don't boast about your wealth, v17

➤ *beware of arrogance*

all we possess is God-given

v7,17; Jas 1.17

even our wealth-creating abilities

Deut 8.10-18

don't feel superior to the poor

James 2.1-5; 1.9-10

➤ *beware of dependence on money*

relying on God strengthens faith

5.5

wealth is so uncertain Mat 6.19

2. Keep Focussed on God, v17

He is wholly reliable

Rom 10.11; 2 Cor 1.20

➤ *the source of true hope*

4.9-10; 1 Pet 1.18-19; Ps 49 7-9,15

➤ *the source of true joy 4.4-5*

Eccles 2.4-26

3. Prove your Faith by Works, v18-19

seize the new life! v12,18

God's eternal life John 17.3,24

➤ *do good Acts 10.38*

not 'idle rich' Luke 12.16-19

God is always at work

John 5.17; Ps 121.4

➤ *be generous Eph 2.6-7; 1.3*

God is! 2 Cor 4.7; Col 1.12

➤ *invest for the future age v19*

Mat 6.19-20; 10.42; Lk 16.9

use wealth for worldwide mission

4. Guard the Greatest Treasure, v20-21

- ***avoid fruitless speculation v20***
1.4,6; 4.7; 6.4-5
- ***reject alternative theories v20***
1.3; 4.1-2; 6.3; Gal 1.8-9
don't miss the way v21
hold fast to the Gospel 2.3-6; 4.9-10