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1 Timothy 6:17–19 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Trust in Giving

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Motive in Giving

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Humility of Giving

1 Chronicles 29:12–14 Both riches and honor come from you, & you rule over all. In your hand are power & might, & in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ & now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, & of your own have we given you.

Experience of Giving

Acts 20:35 remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

People make the mistake of believing that the Bible says “money is the root of evil”.

Actually, it says the “love of money is the root of all kinds of evil”. How does the love of money tempt you? Security? Status? Stuff? Significance?

The rich have much responsibility. Wealthy in money, experience, relationships, power, or know how....How are you sharing these?

When we set our hope on the uncertainty of money...how do we deal with financial anxiety?

Notice how we also can enjoy the money God has given us. How are you enjoying the good gifts of God?



How are we becoming rich in good works? Are you investing in Christ like character as much as your career? Why is that important?

How does sharing our wealth bless others?

How does this passage describe “truly life”.



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James 1:26–27 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Christ calls us to worthwhile witness

The “way we speak” should match “what we speak”

Make room for deeds that meet people’s needs

Let our witness be unstained by the world

Christ calls believers to speak the truth wisely and boldly. Also, how can we speak the truth in love? How do we speak boldly and humbly?

What does it mean to “bridle your tongue”?

How has the “way” you have said something contradicted “what” you are saying?

How does mercy for the “widow and orphan” witness to the gospel?

What people or groups could be the “widows” and “orphans” of today?

How should the mission of the church balance the “word “ and “deed” of the gospel?

How does “Keep oneself unstained from the world” become a essential part of the mission of the church ?

