

# sermon notes

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## *Two Final Instructions in 1 Timothy:*

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (6:17-19)
  - a. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong \_\_\_\_\_
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (6:20-21)

## Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Why is Paul concerned about “the rich in this present age” in the church in Ephesus? What dangerous temptations are unique to those who are rich? What benefits can result from the proper use of wealth and riches for Christ and his kingdom?

Paul wants the rich in this present age to “be generous and ready to share.” How is generosity the cure for materialism and consumerism? Obviously stewardship involves more than just money; it also involves time and energy and spiritual gifts. How does God want us to use these resources for eternal purposes?

Read 1 Timothy 6:20-21. What does Paul mean when he tells Timothy to “guard the deposit entrusted to you” (6:20)? What are some examples of pseudo-knowledge (i.e. “irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge”) that lead people astray? Do we have examples of this in 1 Timothy?

### GET PERSONAL

Paul tells us to store up heavenly treasure in 6:19. This sounds like Jesus in Matthew 6:19-20. How do we store up treasures in heaven? What exactly are the treasures in heaven? Give some examples of how you are storing up heavenly treasure in your life. How are you battling the temptation to hoard earthly treasure?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Would others consider you a generous person? What are some ways that you could be more generous with your resources? How can you increase your level of generosity in both good works and giving? Make some commitments in this regard and share them with a prayer partner.

What are some of the good things that God has given you to enjoy? Take a moment to praise God as the Giver of those good gifts. Ask God to help you to enjoy these gifts (including financial provision) and not set your heart on them. If these were ever taken away, would you be able to still be content (see Phil 4:11-12)?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Make a list of the positive and negative statements about money in the Bible. Develop a “biblical theology of money” or a “biblical theology of wealth” that would encapsulate all of the Biblical data. Use the following tool to help you find all the passages: <https://www.openbible.info/topics/money>  
Distill your biblical theology into a few short sentences. To help you with this, read the following article at the TGC website:  
<https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/columns/ad-fontes/5-surprising-things-that-the-bible-says-about-money/>