

God does not put a premium on self-made millionaires, but He welcomes God-made millionaires. They should always share some of their wealth with those in need, and be willing to use a portion of their wealth in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as *a good foundation against the time to come that they may lay hold on eternal life*; or we could say, when they get before the Lord, the Lord can say, *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord”* (I Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 25:21). After all, all our wealth comes from God; why should not a portion be given back to God in the form of tithes, offerings, and alms. Our tithes already belong to God; and offerings and alms are to be given as we are Spirit led: all of which have eternal value.

THE CONCLUDING APPEAL OF PAUL (I Timothy 6:20,21)

Paul ends this Epistle commanding Timothy to keep that which has been committed to his trust; and to *avoid profane and vain babblings* which are empty and do not honor God; *and oppositions of science, so falsely called: which have caused some to err concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.* (I Timothy 6:20,21).

1. Give a testimony of when you gave to God, and you know and experienced confirmation that the gift would reap eternal rewards.

SIXTH STUDY

VARIOUS INSTRUCTIONS

CHRISTIAN SLAVES AND CHRISTIAN MASTERS (I Timothy 6:1,2)

1. Why does Paul say that servants should count their own masters worthy of honor? (I Timothy 6:1) _____

2. How should servants treat their believing masters? (I Timothy 6:2) _____

WARNING AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS (I Timothy 6:3-5)

Paul turns here to the incorrect teaching of those who would corrupt the faith by turning from the Christian position of gospel soundness and doctrine.

1. In I Timothy 6:4,5, Paul makes a statement about any man who teaches other than the true gospel, and consents not to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the doctrine according to godliness. What does Paul say about these false teachers? _____

THE TRUE GAIN OF GODLINESS AND GODLY LIVING (I Timothy 6:6-19)

Godliness with contentment is the source of great gain (I Timothy 6:6). People who think the economy is more important than godliness are men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth (I Timothy 6:5). We are instructed to draw back from them.

Those with the right priorities and who are content, will demonstrate an obvious presence of peacefulness in their lives. They are not consumed by the desire of constantly pursuing wealth. There is quite a difference in having money and the love of money. Priorities are formed based on one's attitude and desires and integrity (I Timothy 6:8,9).

The apostle does not condemn the possession of riches: they are only evil where they are badly used. Neither does he speak against rich men: for he would condemn such men of the Bible as Abraham and Joseph of Armethaea who used their wealth righteously. He rebukes the haste to be rich,

* (Some of the notes on this page are found in my own personal collection of notes as I have studied and written them down over the years)

like Demas in II Timothy 4:10: he and others *forsook the Word ... having loved this present world*. Some coveted after money and wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (I Timothy 6:10). *For the love of money is the root of all evil*: and leads to care (worry), fear, malice (hatred), deceit, oppression, envy, bribery, perjury, contentiousness, to idol worship (I Timothy 6:9,10).

1. (a) In I Timothy 6:17, Paul told Timothy to charge them that are rich in this world not to get caught-up in 2 things. Name them.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(b) In Whom should they put their trust? (I Timothy 6:17) _____

God gives us abundantly all things to enjoy; that we might do good works (I Timothy 6:17,18).

2. (a) Why do you think some believers are trusted with more wealth than others? _____

(b) Is it God's choosing? or do you think our manner of stewardship has something to do with it? _____

How much money we have does not have as much importance as how we use it. God knows what He is doing as he disperses wealth.