

Lessons From I Timothy

Financially Wealthy Christians

(I Ti 6:17-19)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening,
 - a. Greetings...
2. Series of “Lessons From I Timothy.”
 - a. A few weeks back we looked at “The Blessed & Only Savior.”
 - i. **I Ti 6:14-16**¹
 - b. Today we will be looking at “Rich Christians.”
 - i. **I Ti 6:17-19**
3. Paul having just dealt with the overall theme of “non-content & content preachers” now turns his attention to the Christians in Ephesus that were very wealthy monetarily speaking.

I. Physical Wealth As A Tool For Satan Can...

- A. Lead Christians into a haughty attitude
 1. Haughty meaning to “think of one’s self more highly than others.”
 - i. Many people with great wealth think of themselves as being better, wiser, superior, etc...than those with less money than them.
 - a. **Pr 6:16-17; Pr 16:1; I Pt 5:5-6**
 2. Satan can and will use a tool God gives someone for evil if the person is not willing to use that tool for God and refuse Satan.
- B. Lead Christians to become reliant on their riches rather than God
 1. The reality is physical wealth is unreliable.
 - i. **Lk 12:16-22; Lk 15:11-13**
- C. Lead Christians to hell if they are not careful
 1. Remember what Jesus said about the rich.
 - i. **Mt 19:23-24**

II. Physical Wealth As A Tool For God Can...

- A. Help the financially wealthy Christian do good
 1. **Gn 13:2-9**
- B. Help the financially wealthy Christian do good works
 1. **Pl 1-2**
- C. Help the financially wealthy Christian be generous & sharing
 1. **Ac 9:36; Ac 18:2-3; Ac 10:1-2**

CONCLUSION

1. Brothers and sisters God, unlike physical riches, is reliable.
 - a. Moses so wonderfully illustrated this point before the Israelites were to go into the Promised Land.
 - i. **Dt 7:9**
2. Question: Are you using everything God has blessed you with to the glory of Him who has blessed you?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- b. If not why not?
- 3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent and confess your transgression before God so He can forgive you and bear fruit of repentance by dedicating the rest of your life for Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
 - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required for you to become a child of God.
 - i. Hear/Study God’s Word **Rom 10:17**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Heb 11:6; Jn 3:16; Jn 14:15**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:3**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32**
 - v. Obey The Gospel **I Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:3-5**