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Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

I WANT TO, BUT...

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✓ There is limited _____ and great _____

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15-16)

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1. _____ to God, not _____

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

2. Think like a _____, not an _____

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