

Questions

1. What are some of the biggest money-related struggles that you have? What is one way that the Bible has shaped how you handle money?
2. Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10. How would you describe greed?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:3-5. What connection does God's Word make between false teacher and greed? Why is it important that elders and deacons be free from the love of money (3:3, 8)?
4. Do you ever find yourself forgetting how dependent you really are on God's provision? What's one practical way you can begin to remind yourself of God's good, generous, and sufficient provision?
5. Have you experienced the uncertainty of wealth? What did it teach you about God?
6. Read 1 Timothy 6:18. What is the cumulative impact of the four actions that believers are called to? Is this an area where you can begin praying for God to help you grow?
7. How does resting fully in God's provision free you up to be more generous?
8. Read 1 Timothy 6:18-19. Ask God to help you consider how you're using the money He's given you to store up treasure as a good foundation for the coming age. Is there a change you need to make?

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Giving for the Age to Come

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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God's people are to live in the present age, using the wealth we possess, to store up treasure as a good foundation for the age to come. There are temptations to misuse our wealth, but God also provides correctives that teach us to use it for His purposes.

First Timothy was written by Paul to Timothy. Timothy was serving in Ephesus, where false teachers were trying to deceive the believers. Greed was a primary motive of the false teachers.

1 Timothy 6:9-12 provides background to our passage. Craving money is dangerous. It represents a singular focus on the present life, while God calls His people to "take hold of eternal life," even as we are living in this age.

What I'm doing with money today must be guided by knowing that the greatest treasures are in heaven, and nothing on earth can compare.

1.Having wealth can tempt me to be arrogant (6:17).

But God is my good and generous provider.

3.Having wealth can tempt me to crave for more wealth (6:9).

But God calls me to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share (6:18-19).

2.Having wealth can tempt me to feel assured, by putting my hope in my riches (6:17).

But wealth is unstable and transitory, and only God is an unshakable rock.