

1 Timothy

Chapter 6:17-21

I. Charge to the Rich

A. The Dangers of Riches

1. Uncertain – Prov. 23:4, 5; 27:23-27
2. Affects
 - a. Can cause highmindedness (*to think or act arrogant*)
 - b. Can cause people *not* to trust (*hope*) in God
 - i. Proverbial Wisdom – Prov. 28:8, 20-22
 - ii. Reminder to Solomon – Deut. 17:14-20
 - iii. Reminded of Jesus
 - a. To the disciples – Matt. 6:9-21; Lu. 12:15-20
 - b. To the Pharisees – Luke 16:1-13

B. The Joy of Riches

1. Given by God for enjoyment – Eccl. 5:18-20
2. For the betterment of Mankind

Principle: “*For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more*” (Lu. 12:48).

C. The Duties of the Rich

1. Judgment of the Usage
 - a. To do good
 - b. To be *rich* in good works – Matt. 5:13-16
 - i. Socially – Acts 10:38; Gal. 6:10; Titus 3:1
 - ii. Spiritually – Titus 2:8; 3:8
 - iii. Professionally – Titus 3:14
2. Extent of the Usage
 - a. Ready to distribute (*impact*)
 - b. Willing to communicate (*to give, to be a partaker*)

D. The Reward of the Rich - “To lay up in store a good foundation”

1. The foundation is against *that* day.
2. The extent of good works lays hold on eternal life.

II. Closing Charge to Timothy

A. Keep (*Guard*) What was Committed (*something along side*) to His Trust

1. The charge concerning the Rich
2. The charge concerning false teachers
3. The charge concerning church discipline
4. The charge of public worship

B. Avoid Profane (*irreligious*) and Vain Babblings (*empty*)

1. Leads to strife (*arguments*) – 1 Tim. 1:4; 2 Tim. 2:23
2. Subverts (undermine) the hearers – 2 Tim. 2:14

C. Oppositions of False Science (*knowledge*)

1. Gnosticism – *Secret Knowledge* (Col. 3:16-19)
2. Darwinism – *The Big Bang Theory*
3. Postmodernism is “*post*” because it denies the existence of any ultimate principles, and it lacks the optimism of there being a scientific, philosophical, or religious truth which will explain everything for everybody - a characteristic of the so-called “modern” mind.

