

**"HANDLING WISELY THE TREASURE OF RICHES"
(1 Timothy 6:17-19)**

- What are some metaphors of the Christian life?

I. TO THE "WANT-TO-BE" RICH (1 Timothy 6:6-10)

II. TO THE "ALREADY-BE" RICH (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

A. SPECIFICALLY. (6:17a)

1. These instructions are for _____ only.
2. These instructions are not suggestions to be considered, but they are _____ to be preached by the pastor & then obeyed by the congregation.
3. These instructions are for those of you who are _____.

* Is it wrong to be rich?

* What is the issue being addressed in this verse?

B. NEGATIVELY. (6:17b)

1. Regarding your self-evaluation, God commands you to not be _____ due to your riches.
2. Regarding your security, God wants you to not fix your _____ in uncertain riches.

* What is this a warning against?

* Why is this command needed?

C. POSITIVELY. (6:17c)

1. God wants you to fix your hope in the _____.
2. God wants you to recognize that He is the ultimate _____ of your riches.
 - Why has God given you these riches?
 - How are riches best enjoyed?

D. PRACTICALLY. (6:18)

God wants you to use your riches ...

1. to _____.
 - What are some ways to do this?
2. to be _____.
 - What are some examples of this?
3. to be _____.
 - Why should this be the case?
4. to be _____.

E. ETERNALLY. (6:19)

1. The wise and godly handling of your riches will result in great personal _____ in time as God is glorified and others are blessed by your good works & generous giving.
2. The wise and godly handling of your riches in time will result in _____ (like a treasure or savings account) for yourself for the _____ when you give an account of your redeemed life to Jesus Christ.
 - What does obeying these commands reflect & result in?
 - What are the real issues in these verses regarding you?