

Paul's Concern Over Greed

The false teachers in Ephesus were motivated by greed.

1 Timothy 6:10

For **the love of money** is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have **wandered away from the faith** and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Hope in God not Earthly Riches

1 Timothy 6:17

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or **to fix their hope** on the uncertainty of riches, **but on God**, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

Store up Wealth in Heaven

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Instruct them to do good, **to be rich in good works**, to be generous and ready to share, **19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future**, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

Applications

1. We should remember that God alone is the proper object of our faith.
2. We should understand that having wealth is not a sin, but it is sinful when our wealth "has us."
3. We should all be mindful of where our heart and treasure truly is.

God: The Only Valid Object of Faith

Proverbs 11:28

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like the green leaf.

Isaiah 28:16

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed."

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Psalm 20:7-8

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. 8 They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

Jeremiah 48:7

For, because you trusted in your works and your treasures, you also shall be taken; and Chemosh shall go into exile with his priests and his officials.

Does Our Money "Have Us?"

Matthew 19:21-22

Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.

Where Is Your Treasure?

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."