

“What is a Healthy Church?”

1 Timothy 6:17-21

17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” 21 for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.

Grace be with you.

A Healthy Church is Committed to Their God

A Healthy Church is Committed to Their Mission

A Healthy Church is Committed to One Another

Life Group or Family Discussion Questions:

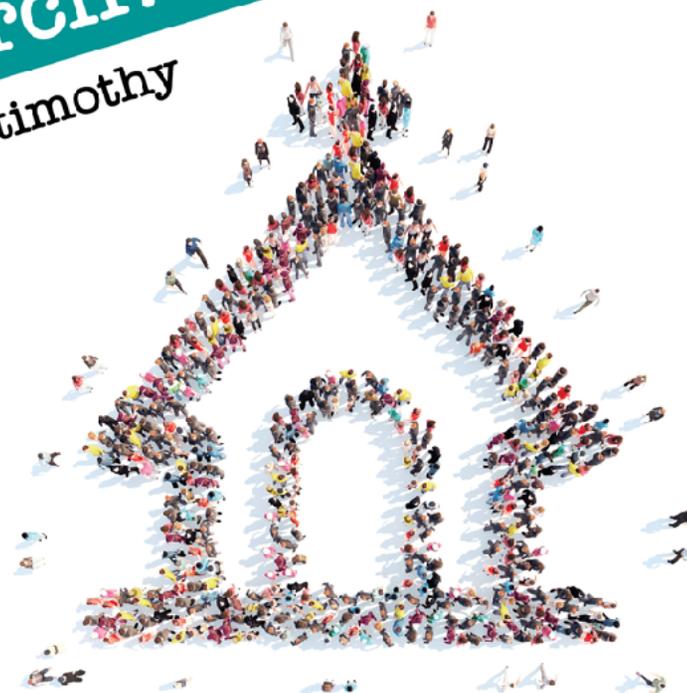
The following questions go into greater depth on the responsibility of those with riches in this present age.

1. **Read 1 Timothy 6:17; Matthew 6:24; Job 31:24-28.** What are the two biggest traps of wealth?
2. Does God ever use suffering as a mercy upon people to keep them from pride and to build humility (See 2 Corinthians 12:7)? How does this reshape the way you think about suffering experienced in your life?
3. It is easy to find security for the future in our retirement account. Can you give an example of someone that had great wealth but lost it? How do you balance saving for the future, generous living and trusting God?
4. **Read 1 Timothy 6:18, Proverbs 19:17, and Galatians 6:10.** Paul talks about the importance of using our wealth to do good for others and lay up treasure in heaven. Does knowing it is acceptable to enjoy your wealth but that it is wise to invest our wealth through generosity inspire you toward more generous living?
5. **Read Luke 18:18-30.** Why did God call this man to give away all of his possessions? Why is this not an example every rich person should follow? What encouragement does Jesus offer for those who left behind wealth and comfort for the sake of the growth of Christ's kingdom?
6. **Read Luke 12:16-21.** What is the danger of waiting until you are financially secure to lay up treasure in heaven? What should this man have done to send his treasure ahead for eternity? In what way does this parable challenge you to change your financial practices?

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Sundays

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Worship Service

