

Questions for Consideration—Lesson 22—1 Timothy 6:17-19—Four Commands for the Rich

1. What differences are there in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and 1 Timothy 6:6-10 in how they to money?
2. Memorize 1 Timothy 6:17.
3. (a) According to Deuteronomy 8:18, 1 Samuel 2:7 and 1 Chronicles 29:12 where does the ability to get rich come from? (b) Why would it be important for those who are rich to keep in mind what is written in Psalm 50:10-12? (c) What happens if we trust in riches according to Proverbs 11:28 and Proverbs 23: 4, 5?
4. (a) What does 1 Kings 10:23 say about Solomon's wealth? (b) Read again 1 Timothy 6:17-19 noticing the commands to the rich. As you skim 1 Kings chapters 9-11 make note of the ways in which Solomon failed to heed the commands in 1 Timothy. (c) What warnings do you learn from Solomon's life? (d) What valuable lessons can you learn for yourself and pass down to your children regarding riches and using them wisely and for the glory of God?
5. (a) Give at least five reasons why it is better to trust in God than in riches. (b) How do these reasons give perspective when you might be tempted to think that money is the answer to all your problems? (c) What are some ways that the rich could use their money that would have eternal value?
6. Endeavor this week to give away something you value. It might be as small as a piece of jewelry or as large as a piece of furniture. It might be inexpensive like a favorite coffee cup or expensive like a piece of crystal. (Of course, ask you husband if in doubt about giving it away!) How did it affect you and what did you learn about yourself regarding money and if and how tightly you hold on to it?
7. (a) How can you avoid the lie of our age which tells us that "having money is the key to happiness?" (b) What should be the truth we tell ourselves regarding money? (c) As you think on these two questions please write a prayer request for yourself.