



# Stewarding Treasure

*A Study of 1 Timothy 5&6*

**Why is this Important?**

**1 Timothy 4:12 – 5:2; 6:1-5**

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## Should we talk about Treasure at "Church"?

Consider what the Psalmist said about Treasure:

Psalm 49:16-17

Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases; for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him. (NIV)

Consider what Solomon said about Treasure:

Proverbs 23:5

Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

**Key Principle #1:** You can't take it with you --  
but you can send it on ahead

## Is God trying to hone in on my money?

Is it really your money?

☐ Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it

☐ Haggai 2:8 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty.

☐ Deuteronomy 8:18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

☐ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ... You are not your own; you were bought at a price...

Key Principle # 2: God owns everything -- my job is just to steward what He entrusts to me while I'm here

## Consider what Jesus said about Treasure

Matt 6:19-21,24

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

..."No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and Money. (NIV)

**Key Principle #3: My heart always goes  
where I put God's money  
And God wants my heart!**

## Consider 1 Timothy

Paul tells why he wrote these words to Timothy: so...

3:15...you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

4:12 ...set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

13 Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them,  
because if you do,  
you will save both yourself and your hearers. (NIV)

## How we live is important

1 Tim 6:1 All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect,

so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered.

2 Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are believers, and dear to them.

These are the things you are to teach and urge on them.

3 If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching,

4 he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions 5 and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth

and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain. (NIV)

In coming weeks from 1 Timothy...

- What do you want? > Refocusing your Wanter
- God's Investment Philosophy
- Where should it go?