

Wednesday

Read: 1 Timothy 6:18 *How to be wealthy*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How is God calling you to be generous this week?*
2. *How does it look to shift our trust to God instead of riches?*

Prayer Focus Turn our hearts to those who have so much less than we have, Great God. Help us trust and rely on you, so we can more easily let go and share your treasures with others.

Thursday

Read: 1 Timothy 6:19a *Benefits of a Godly life*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Should we give up everything and become poor in order to have a future? Why?*
2. *Can handling our money be an act of worship? How?*

Prayer Focus Sustainer, transform us so that our first instinct is to share with others what has been so freely given to us. Send the Holy Spirit to guide us in giving with the confidence we find in you.

Friday

Read: 1 Timothy 6:19b *God's treasure*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does a life that is really life mean to you?*
2. *How will you take hold of God's abundant life in the coming week?*

Prayer Focus Free our hands, Gracious God, so we can let go of our “stuff” and reach for the life you promise—true and lasting treasure. Make us channels of blessings for all of your creation.

It's a Wonderful Life

Pastor's message: 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Stewardship
Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *If you had to give up one “luxury” or convenience in your home, what would be the first thing to go? What would be the last? Why?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week’s Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



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Monday

Read: 1 Timothy 6:17a *Warning to the wealthy*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you define treasures on earth?*
2. *How have others been generous to you? Is there someone you want to thank today?*

Prayer Focus We take pride in our wealth, our savings, our financial planning. We don't like the idea of giving that up. Yet you assure us, Provider, that those things are uncertain. That you are the only thing that is sure. Guide our hearts to that trust in you.

Tuesday

Read: 1 Timothy 6:17b *Hope in God*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Spend some time today reflecting on what you see as the treasures of your relationship with God.*
2. *Is there anything you've been taking for granted? How could you express gratitude today?*

Prayer Focus Creator, you have provided us with everything, yet we sometimes believe we need more. We will look again to see where we have enough. We will work to be better citizens of your natural world. We bow to give you thanks for all.

