



1 TIMOTHY

A Field Guide for the Family of God

Storing Up Treasure

1 Timothy 6 (ESV)

Teach and urge these things. 3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, 4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

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6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

The Point

Do Good.

Be rich in good works.

Be generous and ready to share.

Take hold of that which is truly life.

GOOD WORKS



Good Works

- True wealth is measured by the good you do for others, not the possessions you gather.
- Our legacy should be based on kindness, helping others & living out our faith.
- We are called to live as Jesus did, serving others selflessly.
- Good works are not about earning salvation.

Good Works

- Good works reflect our
 - Gratitude for God's grace.
 - Commitment to God's mission.
- By doing good, we participate in spreading the love of Jesus.

Charity
Kindness
Generosity
Selflessness


Generosity

- Generosity is a heart condition, not a financial one.
- It's about having an open heart to help others in need, regardless of financial status.
- Being ready to share means being prepared to give at any time.
- As we give, we grow in faith.

Generosity

- Generosity
 - Transforms lives & communities,
 - Breaks cycles of poverty & suffering,
 - Brings hope & transformation,
 - Leads to spiritual growth,
 - Brings joy to both the giver & the receiver,
 - Reflects God's love for us & His character.

True
True Life

A black and white graphic design. At the top, the word "True" is written in a simple, sans-serif font. Below it, a heart shape is filled with a dense pattern of vertical lines. Inside the heart, the word "LOVE" is written in a stylized, rounded font. Below the heart, the words "True Life" are written in the same simple, sans-serif font as the top "True".

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True Life

- Paul cautions against being caught up in the love of money & materialism.
- We are warned that chasing after wealth leads to destruction & it can distract us from what truly gives life—God Himself.
- We are encouraged to be content with what we have & to seek the things that bring lasting fulfillment.

True Life

- True life is not about accumulating wealth but about knowing Jesus & living for His glory.
- In Jesus, we find peace, purpose & eternal life.
- When we focus on eternity, we realize that life is not about what we can acquire here on earth, but what we can give & invest in God's kingdom.
- As we approach the end of our lives, we are called to focus on eternal values, leaving a legacy of faith, love & good works.

True Life

- True peace comes when we are content with what God has given us, trusting that He will provide all we need.
- The pursuit of money, status & success will pass away, but the good works we do for Jesus will last for eternity.

Practical Applications

- Ask yourself if your focus is on eternal things or temporary pleasures.
- Focus on being content with what you have.
- Look for opportunities to give, whether it's your time, resources, or encouragement.
- Remember that all we have belongs to God, and we are called to steward it wisely.

Practical Applications

- Seek to grow in godliness & contentment each day through prayer & Bible study.
- Rest in the knowledge that God will provide for your needs.
- Talk to others about how God has blessed you & how He is enough.
- Look for opportunities to bless others.

Discussion Questions

- What does being “rich in good works” look like in your daily life?
- How can you become more generous, and why is generosity important in the Christian faith?
- What are some of the things you tend to focus on that might take your attention away from God’s kingdom?
- What are some ways we can store up treasures in heaven instead of on earth?



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