

Recap of 10/7/18 (1 Timothy 6:14-17)

1. Believers should be focused, not on this world's treasure but on eternal values:

-“Do you think this life has little relevance to eternal life? That wasn't the case for Paul.

“Christ gives us hope for the future and the power to live for Him now. This truth provides a different perspective on our lives here on earth. By seeking what Christ desires, we have the power to break our obsession with pleasure and leisure activities. At the same time, following Christ means loving and serving others in this world just like He did.” (One Year NLT Study Bible)

-“We are children of eternity; our eternal life dates from the moment of our regeneration—we know not how it befell, but we awoke in the time sphere to discover that we were objects of an eternal love, and that we are destined to a life which will outlast the universe of matter.” (F.B. Meyer)

2. In 1 Timothy 6:6-10, Paul addresses believers who wanted to be rich, now in 6:17-19 he addresses those who were rich and instructs them as to the proper view of riches.

3. Paul gives them two warnings:

-do not be arrogant, that is, to recognize that God provided them with the riches, acknowledge Him; and secondly, don't look down on those who are not rich.

-do not put their hope in wealth which is uncertain. Money can be lost. Investments can fail. Money's value can fluctuate according to inflation, devaluation of currency, etc.

4. The contrast is that the rich should put their hope in God, the only true stability. It's He who “richly” provides everything for our enjoyment, our pleasure. God is not a kill-joy. We are meant to enjoy the things which God has given us.

5. “No good purpose is served by pretending that God did not intend us to enjoy the pleasurable sensations of physical life.” (Nicoll)