

“Lightning & Thunder”

(Grace & Giving)

A special series on Stewardship – Part 11

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Text: 1 Timothy 6

Beware the Desire to Be Rich! (From 1 Timothy 6)
Three (3) Reasons WHY You Should NOT Pursue Riches -

- 1.) YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU – v.7

- 2.) IT WEIGHS YOU DOWN (THEREFORE...WE NEED TO LOSE THE WEIGHT GAIN THAT MATTER PRODUCES (I.e. - Simplify, downsize) – v.8

- 3.) THE END (OF MATERIALISM) BRINGS DESTRUCTION – v. 9-10

NEW Q. –

WHAT IF YOU ARE ALREADY “RICH”? Again from 1 Timothy 6....

Three (3) Pieces of Counsel on HOW to Use Money

1. **USE IT...AS A S**, **NOT O** – v.17 *“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.”*

Money's chief attraction is the power it gives and the pride it feeds.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 says, *“Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion.”*

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We are constantly prone, as fallen creatures, to make much of creation and less of the Creator.

3. **USE IT...OVER & OVER & OVER AGAIN** – v.18

¹⁸*They (the rich) are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share”*

Once we are liberated.....only one thing can happen: Our money & possessions will flow freely to multiply the endless ministries of Christ.