

SERMON REFLECTIONS

God Blesses Us To Be Rich But We Cannot Love Money

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 | 4 August 2024 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Please read 1 Timothy 6 aloud as a DG.

Did the Lord impress on you any truths, blessings, promises or commandments (it could have been mentioned during the sermon) from this chapter of God's Word? Please share.

[Verses 1 and 2 are about masters and their slaves/servants – perhaps in our context, it can be between bosses and subordinates]

[Verses 3 to 5 are about false teachers]

[Verses 6 to 7, 17 to 19 are about godliness, money/wealth and contentment – there are other questions below for this area]

2. 1 Timothy 6:6-8 *"⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that."*

Can a Christian be rich? Can a Christian aspire to be wealthy? What must a Christian do in order to keep himself safe from the temptation and dangers of loving money in his quest to be wealthy?

3. For the purpose of this reflection question, assume that you belong to a middle-class family. One day, because of a special situation at the workplace, you find yourself becoming a millionaire – having earned \$5 million. Before you came into

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possession of the \$5 million, you and your family had been living rather comfortably on your income.

So, now, what would you do with the \$5 million? If you plan to invest your money, why? What is the purpose of investing your money? Whether you earn little or a lot from the investment, what do you eventually hope to do with the money?

Would you change what you intend to do in view of 1 Timothy 6 and the sermon?

4. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 *“¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”*

These verses seem to suggest that doing good, being rich in good deeds, being generous and willing to share are the means to lay up treasures in heaven.

Do you believe that? If that is so, going forward, do you think you will act on these two verses in your life? And if not, why do you think Christians are not rushing to lay up treasures in heaven?

Using truths from other parts of the Bible, **what do you think are other motivations for doing good deeds, besides laying up treasures for ourselves in heaven?**

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