

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

True Value

I Timothy 6:17-21

Bold declaration of Christ, then...

The use of money. **Why?**

Frequent subject by Jesus and the N.T.

Vs. 10 – Common cause of stumbling

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Vs. 17, “As for the **rich in this present age**”

God has good to be done with wealth and **He cares about the wealthy**

He wants them to join Him **in His work**

John 5:19 & 20:21 and Matthew 6:19-21 (heart & treasure)

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“Charge them”

Give them clear direction from God.

i.e. – Military orders, “Charged with **the execution of orders from superiors**”

Riches can temp people to be **independent** of input and oversight...

Superior to others and the standard of measure...

Self-Righteous

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“**not to be haughty**, nor to set **their hopes** on the uncertainty of riches”

First – avoid the most common pitfall

Romans 12:3 & Philippians 2:3

“Do nothing from **selfish ambition** or **conceit**, but in humility count **others more significant** than yourselves.”

Hopes = Confident expectation with pleasure

Mathew 6:19

Setting our **hope on money** is a trap that **separates us from God**

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“but on **God**, who **richly provides** us with **everything to enjoy.**”

James 1:17 (4:13 - 5:6) and **Psalms 23:1**

Enjoy the benefits and enjoy **joining Him in doing good** to others

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Vs. 18 - “They are to **do good**”

Active, **personal demonstration**

“to be rich **in good works**”

Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before others, so **that they may see your good works** and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

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"to **be generous**"

Distribute the benefits and **enjoyment to others**

"**ready to share**"

Planning to **draw and receive others into our enjoyment...**

Acts 2:42-47 – Just as God does with us

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Vs. 19, "thus **storing up treasure for themselves** as a good foundation **for the future**"

Matthew 6:20 – A **LONG** future!

"so that they may take hold of **that which is truly life.**"

To **have life** is to **receive it** from Him

To **BE alive** is to **give it away** like Him

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Vs. 20, "**Guard the deposit entrusted to you.**"

Highly **value** and **protect** what you receive from God

Do not take for granted God's gifts

Some given **as we live**, some **in our Mother's wombs**

Take **better care** than our earthly retirement provision (**Matt. 6:21**)

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"Avoid the **irreverent babble and contradictions** of what is falsely called 'knowledge'"

Deliberately Don't waste your time, attention & energy

Anything not **rooted in Christ** contradicts Him

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Vs. 21, "by **professing it** some have swerved from the faith"

Too many **value worldly matters** too much: **Politics, commerce, entertainment, etc.**

The treasure of their heart is obvious

Investing our hearts & minds in these **more than Christ**, leaves Him out

Jesus didn't come to be a visitor...

But the **full-time resident of our lives.**

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"Grace be with you (all)"

God's empowering presence and authority!