**God’s Design for the Church (1 Timothy)**

**Approved Worker (1 Timothy 6:17-21)**

**Recap**

* **Finish Chapter 1**
* **Finish Chapter 2**
* **Finish Chapter 3**
* **Finish Chapter 4**
* **Finish Chapter 5**
* **Living as Servants Part 2 (1 Timothy 6:1-2)**
* **Fan the Flame (1 Timothy 6:3-5)**
* **Stand Firm (1 Timothy 6:6-10)**
* **Onward Christian Soldier (1 Timothy 6:6-10)**
  + **Flee and/or Retreat (v. 11)**
  + **Fight the Good Fight (v. 12)**
  + **Keep the Commandment (vv. 13-16)**
* **1 Timothy 6:17-21**
* **In this passage Paul provides guidance on how to be good stewards of God’s riches. Today I want to point out some key points from this passage of scripture.**

1. **Riches and Responsibility (v. 17)**
   1. **Paul addresses those who are financially well-off, urging them to recognize their responsibility as stewards of God’s wealth.**
   2. **Being rich is not inherently wrong, but it comes with weighty responsibility to use those resources.**
   3. **Not to be Haughty: or act superior or have disdain.**
   4. **Not to set their hope on uncertain riches**
   5. **But to set their hope on God.**
2. **Be Rich in Good Deeds (v. 18)**
   1. **Our wealth should be channeled toward acts of kindness, generosity, and service.**
   2. **Rather than hoarding riches for ourselves, we should invest in helping others and advancing the Kingdom of God.**
3. **Treasure in Heaven (v. 19)**
   1. **Matthew 6:19-21: Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**
   2. **Our earthly wealth is temporary, but our heavenly investments have eternal significance.**
   3. **By using our resources to bless others and support God’s work, we lay up treasures that will last beyond this life.**
4. **Guard against Pride and Arrogance**
   1. **Wealth can lead to pride and a false sense of self-sufficiency. Paul warns against arrogance and misplaced trust in riches.**
   2. **Instead, we should humbly recognize that all we have comes from God, and we are accountable for how we use it.**
5. **Hold Fast to the Faith (vv. 20-21)**
   1. **This includes both material wealth and the gospel message.**
   2. **As believers, we must hold fast to our faith, avoiding distractions and false teachings.**

**Conclusion:**

* **We have a responsibility.**
* **Be rich in Good Deeds**
* **Store Up Treasures of Eternal Value**
* **Guard against Pride and Arrogance**
* **Hold Fast to the Truth.**

**Being good and rich is possible when we recognize our stewardship role, prioritize good deeds, invest in heavenly treasures, remain humble and faithfully guard the truth. May we use our resources wisely and honor God in all things.**