

Faith over Finances
Discussion Questions for 1 Timothy 6:17-19

1. If someone had access to your bank statement, would they think these verses should be an encouragement to you or a challenge to you, or both? Why?
2. Have you experienced or witnessed the love of money proving to be a root of various kinds of evil? Think of a specific person or circumstance: how did that play out?
3. What will it look like for you to live out the truths of verses 18–19?
4. Do Paul’s instructions to the rich have an application to those we might consider to be (financially) lower or middle-class in our culture? Explain.
5. What does Paul mean by “the uncertainty of wealth” in verse 17?
6. Does Paul condemn wealth? If not, how does he instruct the rich to view their wealth?
7. Why should those who are rich not be arrogant or put their hope in wealth? (6:17)
8. What command is given to those who are rich? (6:18)
9. Why would someone want to lay up treasure for themselves? (6:19)
10. Why is it so easy for us to trust in our possessions, accomplishments, or abilities?
11. In what ways do people place their treasure here on earth?
12. How can a person lay up treasure in heaven?