

Praying Together

Spend time praying together with your group, making sure you include those who continue to be affected by the devastation in Montecito. Also take into account people's personal requests. Then, make sure you take some time to lift up one or more of the following requests for our church life together, especially during this interim phase:

Prayer for Each Other

Prayers for the Church

January 22: *Thank God that He has given us all the resources we need to be the church He calls us to be*

January 23: *Pray that the people of CCC will be generous givers to the Kingdom*

January 24: *Pray for the family of our next senior pastor*

January 25: *Ask God for specific ways we can serve the community of Goleta*

January 26: *Thank God for his faithful provision for our church for more than 104 years*

January 27: *Thank God for our debt-free campus*

January 28: *Pray that our 1st quarter giving would exceed the budget a lá Eph. 3:20-21*

Pray for our community and the world



How To Get Rich
Timothy 6: 6-10 & 17-19
Eric Sorenson January 21, 2018

Opening Up:

In our own community, in your opinion, what qualifies someone as being rich? Don't name names!

Digging into The Text:

Read 1 Timothy 6.3-10, 17-19. What does Paul seem to be referring to in verse 5 when he mentions that some think godliness is a means to gain? Just after that, what does suggest should go along with godliness? How would you define contentment? (Conversely, what does it mean to be discontented?) How does verse 8 help you understand what contentment means?

What kind of person is being warned in verse 9? What does it mean to desire to be rich? Is he saying it's wrong to want an increase in your wealth? What does Paul indicate sometimes happens to those who desire to increase their wealth? In verse 10 he seems to draw a parallel between the desire to be rich and loving money. What often happens to those who love money?

Are there legitimate reasons one might desire to increase one's wealth? Where is the line between wisely saving up for retirement (or "a rainy day") and an unhealthy desire to be rich?

There is yet another warning in verse 17. Who is being warned there, and what are the reasons for the warning? In your own words, why does the Bible warn those who are rich? Which of the two warnings (verses 9 and 17) strikes you most? Why?

At the end of verse 17, Paul refers to God giving us everything to enjoy. What is the "everything" he's referring to? Do people who are not rich have the "everything" that is to be enjoyed?

Getting Personal:

As CS Lewis wrote, "Prosperity knits a man [or woman!] to the world." Do you agree? How can learning to be content and becoming more generous counteract that tendency? How can you become more generous in practical ways? To take this seriously, sit down and actually make a list.

Things to Ponder:

What is the bare minimum, in terms of possessions, that you would genuinely be content with? What can you do to work toward contentment?