

Dear Tim,

Part 6: Be Generous

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1 Timothy 6:1-2 NLT All slaves should show full respect for their masters so they will not bring shame on the name of God and his teaching. 2 If the masters are believers, that is no excuse for being disrespectful. Those slaves should work all the harder because their efforts are helping other believers who are well loved.

Be Generous in Honor

1. It is our job to show the _____ how to honor and give _____ to those over us.
 - We are the _____!
 - If Timothy were looking to us, would he know how to act?
 - Don't speak ill of leaders.
 - Esteem them and fight for them!

Be Generous in Attitude

2. We must _____ the best and _____ the best to keep a generous attitude.
 - We have to be an advocate for honor and truth.

1 Timothy 6:3-5 NLT Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. ⁴ Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions. ⁵ These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, and they have turned their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to become wealthy.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 NLT Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 7 After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. 9 But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Be Generous in Humility

3. There is great gain if we are _____. We can navigate any situation in Christ!

1 Timothy 6:11-16 NLT But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses. 13 And I charge you before God, who gives life to all, and before Christ Jesus, who gave a good testimony before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you obey this command without wavering. Then no one can find fault with you from now until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. 15 For, at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. 16 He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen.

Be Generous in Truth

4. We must run from all _____ and hold onto what God has called us to!
 - Stand for what is right.
 - Remember it has an _____ purpose.

Be Generous in Finances

5. It's much _____ to be generous with your _____ when your _____ is in God.

- If your trust is in what _____ have accomplished and what _____ have done then you will struggle to be generous.
- God is after your heart not your money or accomplishments.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 NLT Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 19 By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

1 Timothy 6:20-21 NLT Timothy, guard what God has entrusted to you. Avoid godless, foolish discussions with those who oppose you with their so-called knowledge. 21 Some people have wandered from the faith by following such foolishness. May God's grace be with you all.

REACHING OUR CITY ONE LIFE AT A TIME IN 2018

1. Pursue ONE unbeliever and become the best friend they've ever had.
2. Reach ONE person every DAY with a random act of kindness.
3. Minister to ONE person every WEEK you attend church.
4. Bring ONE new person to church every MONTH.
5. Lead ONE person to Jesus every YEAR and disciple them.