

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV)

Sharing

Do you want to lay up treasure in heaven with me? Yes, of course I want to lay up treasure in heaven with you. I know that this life will quickly pass away. I am here on this earth for a very short time. I am a visitor here. I am just passing through. This life is like the blink of an eye or a snap of the fingers. I am here today. I will be gone tomorrow. It would be a foolish waste of my time to try to store up treasure in this life. **That's right.** How can I store up treasure in heaven with you? **That is a very good question. I am glad that you have the brevity of life firmly fixed in your mind. You are right in saying that it would be a foolish waste of time to store up treasures on the earth. You also have very little time to store up treasure in heaven with me. It will be very good for you to make the best use of the time that you have been given in this life. I will ask you a question. Go ahead, I'm listening. Have I richly blessed your life?** Yes, you have richly blessed my life. **What do you think I want you to do with all that I have given to you?** I'm not sure. **Do you think I want you to tightly hold on to all that I have given to you?** I doubt that. **Do you think that I want you to generously share with others all that I have given to you?** I have no doubt about that. I am positive that you want me to share with others all that you have given to me. **That's right.**

I have a thought that may come as a surprise to you. What's that? **There is nothing that I have given to you that I don't want you to share with others.** You want me to share everything you have given me with others? **Yes, I do.** You want me to share my time with others? You want me to share my gifts, talents and abilities with others? You want to share all my possession and resources with others? **That's right. I don't want you to place any limits or boundaries on what you will or won't share with others. I want all that I have given to you to be available for my use. Is that something you will do for me? Will you give back to me what I have given to you? Will you generously share with others all that I have given to you?** Yes Lord, I will. **Then, you will be storing up treasure in heaven with me as you share with others what I have given to you.** That is what I want. That is what I will do. **That will be very good.**

Lord, you have richly blessed my life. Help me to be generous and willing to share what you have given to me. Help me to be rich in doing good deeds for others. Make my life an example of generous giving. Help me to store up treasure in heaven with you. Amen

Be *Rich In Good Deeds*

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

NIV 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Good Deeds*

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. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

NLT 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Good Works*

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

NRSV 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Good Works*

[Charge them] to do good, to be rich in good works, to be liberal *and* generous of heart, ready to share [with others], In this way laying up for themselves [the riches that endure forever as] a good foundation for the future, so that they may grasp that which is life indeed.

AMP 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Good Works*

Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

NASB 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Good Deeds*

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ESV 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Good Works*

Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

NKJV 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Helping Others*

to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

MSG 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Good Works*

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.

TLB 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Be *Rich In Doing Good Deeds*

Tell the rich people to do good, to be rich in doing good deeds, to be generous and ready to share. By doing that, they will be saving a treasure for themselves as a strong foundation for the future. Then they will be able to have the life that is true life.

NCV 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Rich In Good Deeds

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Be – 1 Timothy 6:18-19

In Context: Read 1 Timothy 6

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, you have richly blessed my life. Help me to be generous and willing to share what you have given to me. Help me to be rich in doing good deeds for others. Make my life an example of generous giving. Help me to store up treasure in heaven with you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How willing are you to share with others the good things that the Lord has given to you?

Why would it be a tragic mistake to not share with others what the Lord has given to you?

When have you recently shared with others something that the Lord has given to you?

Who is a role model for you of someone who is willing to share what the Lord has given to them?

How has being willing to share with others been a blessing for you in this life?

How much will be stored up for you in heaven based on your willingness to share with others in this life?

How is your life an example for others to follow regarding being generous and willing to share?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Lay up treasure in heaven with the Lord by doing good deeds for others.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will be laying up treasure in heaven with the Lord as you do good deeds for others.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group what good deeds you are doing for others.

Close With Prayer: ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you lay up treasure in heaven by doing good deeds for others.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will lay up treasure in heaven by doing good deeds for others.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what good deeds do you want me to do for others today?
