

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 2, 2020
1 Timothy 6:17-21

1. Who is Timothy told to address in this last section of the letter?
 - a. Everyone.
 - b. Those who are struggling under oppression.
 - c. Those who can't pay their bills.
 - d. Those who are rich in this present world

2. What is he told to command them?
 - a. Not to be arrogant.
 - b. Not to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain.
 - c. To put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
 - d. Do good.
 - e. Be rich in good deeds.
 - f. To be generous and willing to share.

3. What does Paul say they will be doing if they follow these commands?
 - a. There's nothing they can do, being rich is just evil.
 - b. By being rich in the more important things (even while being rich in this world), they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.

4. So, then, is being rich evil?
 - a. Yes, it obviously is. Don't you watch the news.
 - b. Well, since none of us really considers ourselves rich, this is an easy group to throw stones at. There is always somebody richer than me.
 - c. Not necessarily, but being arrogant and putting your hope in your wealth is.
 - d. Sometimes, earthly wealth can give you means to bless others...to do good, be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.
 - e. Well, if you handle it right, it isn't evil in itself. However, the temptation to be arrogant and put your hope in your wealth instead of God is certainly great.

5. Where may Paul have gotten a teaching like this (See Matthew 19:24 and Mark 10:25)?

6. What has been entrusted to Timothy's care that Paul may be telling him to guard?
 - a. The proper teaching of the Gospel that he is urged to defend against those who would twist it throughout this letter.
 - b. The gift that he was urged not to neglect in 4:14.
 - c. The congregation or group of believers that Paul left him to protect from false doctrines and ensure proper oversight.

7. What has God entrusted to you that you might need to guard?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

8. Are you guarding what has been entrusted to you? _____
