



## INTRODUCTION

Paul closes his letter with instructions for the wealthy and an encouragement to guard the true treasure deposited with us.

## INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore, please use it as tool that best fits the needs of your community group.

## OPENING DISCUSSION

- Read **1 Timothy 6:17-21**
- What do you find interesting/compelling/confusing about this passage?

## REVIEW

- What are the dangers that accompanies wealth?
- What are the duties given to the rich?
- What does he mean by "that which is truly life" in v19? How do we access that life?
- What is the deposit which must be guarded?

## APPLICATION

- What hope do you put in money? Why should you not do so? What can you do to ensure your hope is in God?
- Do you like to be asked to give financially? Why or why not?
- What are some justifications we might give for not being generous? How does the gospel address those justifications?
- 1 Timothy's teaching on money and possessions: Avoid asceticism for gratitude. Avoid materialism for simplicity. Avoid covetousness for contentment. Avoid selfishness for generosity. In which area do you need to grow the most and why?
- How do you see the gospel being attacked in your own life? How can you guard the deposit entrusted to you? How can other help guard that deposit?

## PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs