

A CHARGE TO GIVE

I Timothy 6:17-21

Intro:

- A. Paul has warned those who plan to be rich.
 - 1. Vs 9a "But they that will be rich..."
 - 2. Their desire for wealth will lead to great suffering. Vs 9b

- B. He also warns those who love money. Vs 10
 - 1. It is the root system of all kinds of evil.
 - 2. It has caused some to stray from truth.
 - 3. It has caused some great sorrow.

- C. What of those who are already rich?
 - 1. Some had already achieved this status.
 - 2. How should they handle themselves?

I. Warnings For Those Who Are Rich.

- A. Vs 17 "Charge them that are rich in this world..."
 - 1. "Charge" = παραγγελλω = "to announce beside", "to hand on an announcement one to another", "to order".
 - 2. "Rich" = πλουσις = "wealthy".

- B. "...that they be not highminded..."
 - 1. ὑψηλοφρονεω = "to think lofty thoughts".
 - 2. "Not to be arrogant" - GSPD

- C. "...nor to trust in uncertain riches..."
 - 1. "Trust" = ελπίζω = "to hope", "to place one's hope upon a thing and rest it there".
 - 2. "Uncertain" = αδηλοτης = "unseen", "indistinct".
 - 3. "Something as undependable as money".

- D. "...but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."
 - 1. "Richly" = πλουσιως = "abundantly", "largely".

2. "Giveth" = παρεχω = "to grant", "to cause".
3. "Enjoy" = απολαυσις = "for the purpose of getting pleasure", "the advantage got from a thing".

II. Things The Rich Are To Do.

- A. Vs 18 "That they do good,..."
 1. They have a unique position in life.
 2. "Do good" = αγαθοποιεω = "to practice doing good".
- B. "...that they be rich in good works..."
 1. "Rich" = πλουτεω = "to be wealthy".
 2. "That they count their wealth in the good works they do".
- C. "...ready to distribute..."
 1. ευμεταδοτος = "readily imparting or sharing".
 2. "To be generous givers, to practice sharing".
- D. "...willing to communicate."
 1. κοινωνικος = "ready to share", "ready to give generously".
 2. "Always ready to give, and to share the common burden" - KNOX
- E. Vs 19 "Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come,..."
 1. "Laying up in store" = αποθησαυριζω = "to amass a fortune".
 2. "Foundation" = θεμελιος = "laid as a foundation", "fundamental".
 3. In this way amassing for themselves what shall form a solid foundation for the future."
- F. "...that they may lay hold on eternal life."
 1. "That they may reflect the eternal life"
 2. "That they may hold on to the important things that have to do with eternal life."

III. Paul's Closing Statement. Vs 20-21

- A. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust,..."
1. "Keep" = φυλασσω = "to guard", "to defend".
 2. "Committed" = παρακαταθηκη = "anything deposited with one", "entrusted to one's care".
- B. "...avoiding profane and vain babblings,..."
1. "Avoiding" = εκτρεπομαι = "to get out of the way of", "to turn off or aside from".
 2. "Profane" = βεβηλος = "that which is easily accessible to all", "common to all".
 3. "Vain babblings" = κενοφωμια = "empty talking", "uttering meaningless phrases".
- C. "...and oppositions of science falsely so called:"
1. "Oppositions" = αντιθεσις = "contradiction", "that which is the opposite".
 2. "Science" = γνωσις = "knowing".
 3. "Falsely so called" = ψευδωνυμος = "false named", "wrongly named".
- D. Vs 21 "which some professing have erred concerning the faith..."
1. "Professing" = επαγγελλομαι = "to proclaim".
 2. "Erred" = ηστοχησαν = "to miss the mark", "to fail", "to deviate from".
 3. "A message some have proclaimed but they have shot wide concerning the faith."
- E. "...grace be with thee. Amen."
1. God bless you all. - TENT
 2. Amen - so be it. - AMP