



## Topic: Are You Rich?

### Pray:

Begin your reflection with a prayer to invite God's presence. You may use Psalm 119:36-37 as your opening prayer: "Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word."

### Meditate:

#### Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

"Are you rich?" This question often brings to mind images of opulence and affluence. But riches come in many forms. In 1 Timothy 6:17, the apostle Paul advises those who are well-off not to be haughty or to place their trust in their wealth. Instead, they should anchor their trust in God, the true source of abundance. In the ancient world, wealth was often associated with power, influence, and status. Paul's guidance to Timothy addresses the temptations and responsibilities that come with financial success. It encourages believers not to put their trust in riches but in God. This verse invites us to consider what it means to be rich in God's eyes and how we should manage the blessings we've received. Wealth isn't limited to material possessions; it extends to various aspects of life—love, relationships, talents, and spiritual blessings. Paul reminds us that God is the ultimate source of everything, and material wealth is a gift from Him. It's essential to enjoy God's blessings but also to use them wisely for the benefit of others and the advancement of God's kingdom. Take a moment to recognize the abundance of blessings you possess, and you'll realize you're richer than you think.

### Proclaim:

Declare your commitment to use your resources for God's glory and the good of others. Make a conscious decision to shift your perspective on wealth and material possessions, recognizing their temporary nature in contrast to the eternal value of God's kingdom.

### Fellowship:

Discuss this verse and its implications with a fellow believer or a small group. Share your insights and challenges in prioritizing God over material possessions. Encourage one another

to make practical changes in your lives that align with this commitment. Consider starting a financial accountability group to support each other in managing money in a way that honors God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **For Students:**

- How do you think the pursuit of material wealth can impact your priorities as a student? Are there instances where you've seen classmates or friends prioritize money or possessions over other important aspects of life, like relationships or personal growth?
- As a young person, what are some practical ways you can use any financial resources you have, no matter how limited, to make a positive difference in your community or help those in need?
- In today's world, young people often face societal pressures related to consumerism and materialism. How can you stay grounded in your faith and values while navigating these pressures, especially in the age of social media and constant exposure to lifestyles of the rich and famous?

#### **For Parents:**

- How can you model a healthy perspective on wealth and possessions for your children? Are there specific practices or discussions you've had with your children to help them understand the importance of prioritizing God over material wealth?
- In your family, what are some ways you encourage generosity and a willingness to share with others, both within and outside your household?
- As parents, how can you help your children strike a balance between working hard and being responsible with their finances while also recognizing the significance of generosity and the transient nature of material wealth?

#### **For Professionals:**

- In your career or profession, how do you handle financial success and the pursuit of wealth? Have there been moments when you've felt the tension between professional ambitions and spiritual priorities?
- In the workplace, how can you leverage your skills, resources, and influence to make a positive impact on your colleagues, your industry, or your community? Are there specific ways you've seen professionals use their wealth for good?
- As a professional, how do you view the concept of "contentment" in your financial life? Have there been experiences that have shaped your understanding of contentment in the context of your career and financial goals?

