HEREN SILY --I Timothy 6:11-21

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King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

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¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. ²⁰ O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—²¹ by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith.

Aim Of This Lesson— To understand disciples of Christ are to overflow in generosity.

I Timothy 6:18 nkjv

¹⁸ Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

 "Do good, be rich in good works, be generous, and be ready to share."

In I Timothy 6:11-21, Paul teaches us how to overflow in generosity by instructing us:

- 1. Where to run to in this life.
- 2. Not to set our hope on the uncertainty of riches.
- 3. Live generously.
 - 4. Why does it matter?

1. Where to run to in this life.

I Timothy 6:11-16 nkjv

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What does Paul want us to run from?

1. Where to run to in this life.

I Timothy 6:9-10 nkjv

⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- Run from discontentment.
- Run away from being concerned with what everyone else has that you do not have.
- The godly person runs from these things.

1. Where to run to in this life.

- Run away from the desire for more.
- Run to righteousness, devotion to God, faith, love steadfastness, and gentleness.
- Pursue the things of God and do not pursue money.

I Timothy 6:12 nkjv

¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1. Where to run to in this life.

- We are in a constant struggle with *contentment* and *discontentment*.
- Run from loving wealth and possessions and run to a deeper devotion to God.

I Timothy 6:12-13 nkjv

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1. Where to run to in this life.

John 18:37 nkjv

³⁷ Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"
Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

 Living generously requires us to run to our Lord and run toward our confession, and toward this world.

2. Not to set our hope on the uncertainty of riches.

I Timothy 6:17 nkjv

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

- Paul warns not be arrogant or set our hope on the uncertainty of riches.
 - Set your hope on God because he is the one who gave you everything that you have.

3. Live Generously.

I Timothy 6:18 nkjv

¹⁸ Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

 We can do good, be rich in good works, be generous, and share what we have because we realize that what we have was given to us by God.

3. Live Generously.

II Corinthians 9:8-11 nkjv

- ⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰ Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of our righteousness, ¹¹ while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.
 - God has given us what we have so that we will use those things for His glory.
 - God is not going to give to the stingy.

3. Live Generously.

II Corinthians 9:6 nkjv

⁶ But this *I say:* He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also real bountifully.

- Set your hope on God and understand that he is the one who has given you everything with the purpose for you do to good works and share what you have.
- What good works am I doing with what god has given me?
 - Generous living comes from running away from discontentment and the desire for more and running toward God as the giver of all that we have.

4. Why does it matter?

I Timothy 6:19 nkjv

- ¹⁹ storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.
- When we do good, are rich in good works, are generous, and ready to share, then we are "storing up treasure as a good foundation of the future so that we can take hold of true life".
 - Our generosity shows that we know that God has given these things to us for good works and to share.

- If we are not generous and not using what we have been given by God to do good works and to share, then it shows that we have not put on our hope on God, but on the uncertainty of riches.
- We are in a fight for our hearts, minds, and souls.
- We can reach out to eternal life by trusting in God as the giver of all we have. Or we can reach out and try to take hold of this world's possessions and wealth which are uncertain and lead to all kinds of pains and ruin.

What will you do with what God has given you?

The Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:13-17

Believe John 20:31, Hebrews 11:6

Repent Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30

Confess Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32

Baptism Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38



How to Make a Request for Prayer or Baptism

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