

## “INVESTING FOR THE LONG RUN” (I Timothy 6:17-21)

- A. Paul’s warnings for the servants/employees towards their masters (6:1-2)**
- B. Paul’s warning towards the opposition (6:3-5)**
- C. Paul’s warning to be content (6:6-8)**
- D. Paul’s warning to the discontent (6:9-10)**
- E. Paul’s personal charge to Timothy (6:11-16)**
- F. Paul’s warning to the rich (6:17-19)**

1. Negatively, believers should avoid \_\_\_\_\_ regarding their \_\_\_\_\_ as well as trusting in \_\_\_\_\_ investments (vs. 17).

*\*Is it wrong to invest in the stock market or real estate?*

2. Positively, believers should \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord in light of His proven \_\_\_\_\_ and qualitative \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 17).

*\*What is the threefold description of the Lord’s giving?*

*\*Principle to Ponder: Although \_\_\_\_\_ wealth has its benefits, \_\_\_\_\_ wealth begins and ends with \_\_\_\_\_.*

3. Further, believers should prepare for \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ good works (vs. 18).

*\*Does this apply to wealthy believers only?*

4. A spiritual focus will lead to an \_\_\_\_\_ of good works, an unhindered \_\_\_\_\_, a willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ with all believers, and a larger eternal \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 18-19).
  
5. The end result of all this will be a greater \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 19).

### **G. Paul's final, emphatic charge to Timothy (6:20-21)**

1. Believers in Christ need to closely \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ they have received (vs. 20).

*\*Does this 'guarding' apply only towards unbelievers?*

2. Failure to guard truth will result in \_\_\_\_\_ by worthless and \_\_\_\_\_ things and \_\_\_\_\_ from God's will for our lives (vv. 20-21).

*\*What was the greatest harbinger to the church in Paul and Timothy's day?*

*\*Principle to Ponder: Since we were \_\_\_\_\_ in the image of God, we were made for \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the most precious resource in accomplishing God's will for our lives (vs. 21).

*\*Is there such a thing as luck? Does it fit within this passage for Paul to say: 'Good luck!'?*

*\*How does this passage tie up the book of I Timothy?*

*\*What can we learn from all of this?*