



PREPARE 



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

IMAGINE FOR A MINUTE THAT WE GATHERED UP EVERY STUFFED ANIMAL AND PILLOW IN OUR HOUSE.

How many do you think you could hold at one time? What if I asked you to get me a glass of water at the same time? Do you think you could do it without dropping anything or spilling the water?

With your arms so full it would be almost impossible to do anything at all for someone else. In the same way, **if our hands and hearts are holding tight to the treasure and money we have, how can we help anyone else?**


Today we will read from the book of 1 Timothy, chapter six. Paul wrote two letters to a man named Timothy. Timothy was younger than Paul, and Paul wanted to help Timothy grow to be more like Jesus.



 **TALK TOGETHER**
Family conversations with God's Word.

 **MORE TO EXPLORE**
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

 **THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

 **COLORING PAGE**
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.

TALK TOGETHER

Let's read what Paul said about the things we treasure. **Can you help me find 1 Timothy 6, verses 17-19? The book of 1 Timothy is in the New Testament.**

AS FOR THE RICH IN THIS PRESENT AGE, CHARGE THEM NOT TO BE HAUGHTY, NOR TO SET THEIR HOPES ON THE UNCERTAINTY OF RICHES, BUT ON GOD, WHO RICHLY PROVIDES US WITH EVERYTHING TO ENJOY. THEY ARE TO DO GOOD, TO BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, TO BE GENEROUS AND READY TO SHARE, THUS STORING UP TREASURE FOR THEMSELVES AS A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE, SO THAT THEY MAY TAKE HOLD OF THAT WHICH IS TRULY LIFE.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

By themselves, money and treasure aren't evil. But when those things become more important to us than anything else, they become an idol in our lives. Instead of trusting in what we have, we should trust God who gives us everything in the first place.

God wants us to be rich in the things that matter. Paul said we should be rich in good works, do good, and be generous and ready to share. We should use what we have to help others. **What we do with what we have is much more important than what we have in the first place!**

How can you share what you have and be generous with your friends and family? Maybe you have extra clothes you never wear or that don't fit you anymore. Perhaps you have toys you don't play with or books you don't read. Is there someone who could use them?

Do you have time you could spend helping someone? Does someone around you need a meal? Could you make someone who is lonely a nice card or piece of artwork?

There is always someone in need and something that needs to be done. You don't have to do it all. What you do doesn't need to be fancy or complicated. But when you use what God gave you to help others, then your treasure is in heaven. **Then you are rich in the things that matter.**

HOW DOES GOD WANT YOU TO USE WHAT YOU HAVE TO HELP YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY?

* MORE TO EXPLORE

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

1 TIMOTHY

This week's story comes from the book of 1 Timothy. 1 Timothy is an epistle, or letter. The missionary Paul wrote this letter, and it is one of three letters called a Pastoral Epistle.

He writes to his friend Timothy about false teachers, instructions for the Church and how to live out the Christian faith.

OT-NT CONNECTION

God has always cared about what we do with what we have. The books of Psalms and Proverbs teach us how God views generosity.

- **Psalms 37:21:** The righteous give generously.
- **Psalms 112:5:** Good will come to the generous.
- **Proverbs 11:25:** A generous man will prosper.
- **Proverbs 22:9:** A generous man will be blessed.

DOES GOD WANT ME TO GIVE AWAY EVERYTHING I OWN?

God may call some people to give away all they have, but that is not true for everybody. There are very wealthy people who love God deeply. Two questions to ask yourself are:
"Do I act like my stuff is more important than God?
How does God want me to be generous with what I have?"

I DON'T HAVE MONEY TO GIVE AWAY; HOW CAN I BE GENEROUS?

God cares more about our heart than about the quantity of money we give away. We can always be generous with our time, gifts and talents. He wants us to have a heart ready to share no matter how much money we have.

JOURNAL

1 Timothy 6:17-19 says that we are to: *Do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.* What is one practical way you can live those things out this week? Write a short prayer asking God to help you be generous in everything you do.

READ

Read Acts 2:40-47. The believers in the early church give us an example of how we should live with one another. Notice the ways they were generous with each other. What is one way you can follow their example and be generous with your friends and family?

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

♥ MEMORIZE

THEY ARE TO DO GOOD, TO BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS, TO BE GENEROUS AND READY TO SHARE.

(1 TIMOTHY 6:18)

Q: HOW CAN I SHOW OTHERS I TREASURE GOD MORE THAN MY STUFF?

A: I CAN BE GENEROUS AND READY TO SHARE.

CLOSET CLEANOUT



Give each member of your family a bag to fill with clothes they don't wear anymore and toys they don't play with. Take the bags to a homeless shelter or a friend who is going through a rough time.

FIND



This week's verse is in the book of 1 Timothy. Help your child find the book of 1 Timothy. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY



DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE GIVEN US. THANK YOU FOR BEING GENEROUS WITH US. HELP US TO CHOOSE TO BE GENEROUS AND READY TO SHARE WITH OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. AMEN.

SHARE



Tell your child about a time when you were blessed by someone who was generous with you.

ARMFUL OF STUFFIES



Gather as many stuffed animals and pillows as you can find. Take turns seeing how many each person can hold at the same time. Try doing things with your arms full? Can you open doors, tie your shoe or get a snack? Point out that when your arms are full, all you can do is focus on what you are holding. What treasure does each person need to let go of to be available to help friends and family?

LET'S MAKE A PLAN



As a family, make a list of one thing per month that your family can do to be generous and share with others. Get creative! Ideas could include baking cookies or a meal for someone, filling a backpack with toiletries for a homeless person, or taking time to clean an elderly neighbor's yard or house.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series as you learn to treasure God above all else.

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

COLORING PAGE

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NAME: _____