

**Life in Community**  
**A Generous Community Marked by Proper Faith**  
**1 Timothy 6:17-19**

- I. Paul Instructs the “Rich”
  - A. This is on the heels of being “content” and not setting our love and will on wealth
  - B. The warning
    - 1. Do not be conceited – arrogant; an improper certainty and pride
    - 2. Improper focus of hope
  - C. The instruction
    - 1. Set your hope on God
      - a. Richly supplies us with all things to enjoy
      - b. There is an entire sermon in here about the genuine development of the created order for the good, well-being, and enjoyment of humanity, as a blessing from God
    - 2. Do what is good
    - 3. Be generous in good works
    - 4. Be generous (with your resources)
    - 5. Be ready to share (particularly with those in true need)
  - D. The hope that comes from this
    - 1. Treasure in the “future”
    - 2. Taking hold of true life
- II. Points For Reflection from This Text
  - A. The rich are not called upon to become poor
  - B. The rich are not called upon to bemoan their wealth

- C. It is just as easy for a poor man to have misguided hope as it is for a rich man
- D. Generosity is virtually impossible when contentment is absent