

Sermon Application Questions

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Jon Wiebe - Guest Speaker

Ice Breaker:

Answer one or more of the following statements:

- 1) If you had \$5000 to spend on non-essentials, what would you buy?
- 2) If you had \$5000 to give away, where/to whom would you give it?
- 3) Tell about a time you bought something and later had buyer's remorse.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Paul refers to "those who are rich" in v. 17. How would you define "rich?" In 1 Timothy 6:6,8, Paul defines "rich" in two different ways. Discuss those definitions. Based on those definitions, would you be considered rich?
- 2) In 1 Timothy 6:9 he talks about the potential consequences of wanting to be/become rich. Talk about examples of those consequences.
- 3) Verse 10 says that "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." What criteria would you use to evaluate whether you are personally struggling with the love of money? Give some examples. (After you have discussed this, look up Ecclesiastes 5:10 for a definition.) Based on that definition, would you say you "love money"?
- 4) Why do you think that Paul says that arrogance/pride is one of the possible "side effects" of wealth? There are a number of descriptions of pride. One commentator says that riches "have a way of making us think we're better than those who have less than we do." How else would you say pride is displayed in our attitudes/actions as wealthy people? For more examples, read Proverbs 18:23; 21:13; Deuteronomy 8:17.
- 5) Is generosity an attitude, an emotion, or an action? Explain your answer.
- 6) What are some examples of generosity? (Confer with 1 Timothy 5:16-17; Proverbs 19:17; 22:9.) What are the greatest stumbling blocks to generosity? What are the best motivations to generosity?
- 7) From Jon's message, what impacted you the most?

Apply It:

Think about how you might apply this message in a practical way this next week. If you can do that, write it down here:

If you need some suggestions, look at the list below:

- 1) Take some time to search your own heart: if pride/arrogance is at one end of the extreme and generosity at the other, where would you place yourself? Write down one specific thing you will do to build a generous spirit into your life this next week.
- 2) Memorize/meditate on Proverbs 11:25; 22:9.

- 3) Do a word search in the Bible on pride as well as on generosity. Write a summary of what you discover. Write out a prayer from what you find.
- 4) Drive around in a poor part of Wichita. Share with a friend some of the attitudes you struggle with as you look at your situation in relation to those who have less than you do.
- 5) Give to one of the organizations that are sending money to Haiti or offer to give to the Junior High young people who are raising money for World Vision during their 30-hour famine.