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*17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. 18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*

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What command is given to Timothy now? 6:17; James 1:10; IJn.3:17

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What else are the wealthy instructed to do? 6:18; Gal.6:10; Heb.13:16; IPet.3:8-12

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How can the wealthy 'take it with them'? 6:19; Lu.12:33, 16:9, 18:22; Gal.6:8-9

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**It's to agonize in battle or athletics. Straining to fight a good fight. Like the Olympics.**

Why does Paul tell Timothy to 'take hold of eternal life'? 6:12,19; **Col.3:1-2; Phil.3:20-21**

**Not to get saved! He's to take hold of the reality of eternity. Not living for the moment.**

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**As all believers, he was called (salvation) by God, to which he made public confession.**

What does Paul repeat in 6:13-14a? **5:21; IITim.2:14, 4:1**

**He commands Timothy, before God (Father) and Christ Jesus (Son), keep these things.**

How is he to keep these commands? For *how long*? 6:14b; **Eph.5:27; IIPet.3:14**

**Keep them w/o stain or reproach (i.e. perfectly!), until the appearing of our Lord Jesus.**

When will Jesus appear? 6:15a What crescendo is added next? 6:15-16; **Rev.1:8,17-18**

**He will appear at the proper time! He, Sovereign, King of kings, Lord of lords. Eternal!**

### Paul's final instructions...6:17-21

What command is given to Timothy now? 6:17; **James 1:10; IJn.3:17**

**Instruct the wealthy not to be conceited or to trust in their riches, but on God the giver.**

What else are the wealthy instructed to do? 6:18; **Gal.6:10; Heb.13:16; IPet.3:8-12**

**Instruct them to do good, be generous (financially), be truly 'rich' in good works!**

How can the wealthy 'take it with them'? 6:19; **Lu.12:33, 16:9, 18:22; Gal.6:8-9**

**By generosity and good works they store up a good foundation for the future; life indeed!**

Finally, what's the last admonition to Timothy? 6:20-21; 1:11; **Rom.3:1-2; IITim.1:13-14**

**Guard what's been entrusted to you! Avoid worldly chatter/'knowledge'. It leads astray.**

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