

1. How many of you have your own means of transportation?
2. How many of you have more than one pair of shoes?
3. How many of you have more than one choice for what to eat at a given meal?

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

1. Never be arrogant about the fact that you're wealthier than other people.

Verse 17a "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant..."

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?" - James 2:1-4

2. Don't trust in your wealth for security because wealth is temporary and uncertain.

Verse 17b...Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. 5 Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. - Proverbs 23:4-5

3. Instead put your hope in God rather than in your wealth.

Verse 17c ...nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God,

4. Understand that God has given me all of the things that I have and wants me to enjoy them.

Verse 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

5. Continually be generous always looking to share what you have.

Verse 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

6. Live in such a way as to store up treasures for yourself in heaven.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. - Matthew 6:19-20

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.. - Luke 12:33