

Going Deeper

Paul wrote the letter of 1 Timothy, to give him guidance as he sought to lead, encourage and challenge the church in Ephesus. In this section, Paul has particular things to say to those who are wealthy.

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-21

5. Why is contentment 'great gain'?
6. What attitude does Paul warn against in verses 9-10? How is this warning relevant to rich and poor?
7. What are Timothy's goals in life to be?
8. How does what Paul says about Jesus and God encourage Timothy to pursue these goals?
9. How does Paul contrast God and wealth in verse 17?
10. What are those who are wealthy to do with their money?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

GROWTH TEAMS



**Week Beginning
Sunday 20th January 2019**

Growth Team News

It's a New Year, why not give attending a Growth Team a try? They are a great place to connect more deeply with other Christians, follow up on what we've learnt on Sundays and pray for each other. They are all relaxed friendly gatherings and would welcome new people. See Paul for details or call one of the numbers below.

Mon.	8:00pm	Edith Road	07710 638614
Wed.	10:30am	<i>St. Luke's Avenue</i>	
		<i>Contact Vanessa on</i>	01843 592857
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			01843 583305
Thu.	9:30am	<i>The Vicarage</i>	
		<i>Contact: Willow</i>	01843 607157
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**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever**



Solomon's Downfall

1 Kings 10:26-11:13 (page 349)

Space to take notes on the talk

Starter question

❖ Who is the wealthiest person you've ever met?

Responding to the talk

1. What newspaper headline might you give to this story in the Bible?
2. Read 10:14-29 - Wealth
 - a. How does this passage illustrate the fulfilment of God's promise to Solomon? (1 Kings 3:11-13)
 - b. What warning signs are there that things are not as they should be? (cf. Deut. 17:16)
 - c. Why can wealth lead us a way from a wholehearted love of God? (cf. Mt. 6:24; 1 Tim. 6:9-10,17-18;
3. Read 11:1-8 - Wives
 - a. What is wrong with Solomon having so many wives and ones from these nations? (Deut. 7:3-4; 17:17)
 - b. What do Solomon's wives cause him to do? (cf. Exo. 20:4; Deut. 6:4-5)
 - c. Why should Christians not marry unbelievers? (cf. 1 Cor. 7:39; 2 Cor. 6:14)
4. Read 11:9-13
 - a. Why is God angry with Solomon?
 - b. How does God both punish Solomon and keep to his promises to David?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

11. For those with wealth, how do we ensure that it doesn't lead us away from wholehearted commitment to God?

12. A Christian friend is dating a non-Christian. What might you say to them to help them remain wholehearted to Christ?