



DAY 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-10

1

“A better life,” what does that mean to you? A nicer home, better vacations, or lots of cash maybe? If we aren’t careful we can search for this “better life” and find it in just those things. After all the world around us shows us the bigger, better, nicer things are the key to “a better life.” But what if that “better life” came from contentment rather than wealth? The Pharos of ancient Egypt spent their lives building glorious empires filled with the biggest and best. And now, much of their glory is crumbled, their tombs are raided, and their names are lost to history. A better life comes from finding contentment in the treasures you have already been blessed with. The apostle Paul tells Timothy in 1 Timothy 6 that “if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.”

DAY 2 1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

2

John D. Rockefeller was a wealthy oil man who built an enormous fortune which was triple the size of Bill Gates’. Rockefeller was also one of the most generous men in history. His generosity started out very haphazardly. Soon he realized he needed to get intentional. In his lifetime Rockefeller gave away \$540 million dollars. At Parker Hill one of our five core values is We Give Because He Gave. God commands us to give Him first place in every area of our lives, including our finances. Don’t allow your giving to be haphazard. Get intentional. Your faithful giving allows people to be blessed in this life, and you to be blessed in the next. The apostle Paul tells us to “to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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.”

DAY 3 PSALM 24:1-2, HAGGAI 2:8

3

Remember the TV show Everybody Loves Raymond? In one episode, Ray gives his brother a gift of \$1,000 dollars when he fell behind with his expenses. Cut to the next scene, and his brother is headed to Vegas on Ray’s dime. The humor of the episode is obvious from the other side of the screen. No one would be that foolish and inconsiderate with funds intended to get you back on your feet. The passage today helps us gain perspective on our finances like we had with Ray’s dilemma. Everything in heaven and on earth, including money, belongs to God. The next time you get ready to swipe your card, remember Whose money you’re actually spending. How would your budget look different if you remember the source of your income?

DAY GENESIS 13:5-18

4

Remember the phrase “this town ain’t big enough for the both of us?” That is exactly what is happening in today’s passage. Abraham and Lot both own so many herds, flocks, and possessions that they couldn’t share the same space. When presented with the problem, the only solution that seemed to make sense to them was to split up. That decision, based on faulty logic, changed their lives forever. The faulty logic of gaining wealth and possessions might be ruining you and your relationships. Maybe it’s causing you to miss out on opportunities to show God’s love. Are you are letting the logic of the American Dream rob you of something greater that God has in store for you?

DAY PROVERBS 21:20

5

With changing times comes changing technology. One recent tool allows many Americans to cash out for a day’s work at 5 PM that day, instead of having to wait until payday. Another tool sets aside pennies to every dollar you spend to help you save money one small investment at a time. As times change though, truth does not. Today’s passage takes a minute to memorize but a lifetime to master. As you prepare for your “someday”, you will undoubtedly need to store away small investments instead of cashing out immediately. Small investments over time make for large payouts in the end. What do you want your someday to look like, and what are you going to do about it now?

Sign up to receive our AppNotes email, Monday-Friday.

parkerhill.org/bible