



- What ties these two final exhortations together? (vv.17-19 and vv.20-21).
- Both sections deal with a DEPOSIT of God’s riches entrusted to us for safe keeping. One is a deposit of material wealth, and the other is a deposit of spiritual wealth.
- We must be faithful with God’s riches entrusted into our lives in the realm of:

1. MATERIAL WEALTH, vv.17-19

- Being wealthy is not a sin, it is a responsibility.
 - A. The _____ of wealth, v.17a
 - 1.) **Realize** possessions can produce _____.
 - 2.) **Refuse** to trust in _____ riches.

Psalm 62:10; If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

Prov.23:5; Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

B. The _____ of wealth, vv.17b-19

- What is Paul’s counsel to the wealthy?
 - 1.) **Trust** in God and _____, v.17b

1 Timothy 4:10; “We trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.”

2.) **Take** _____ with your wealth, v.18

“A kind heart leads to a generous hand.”

“If a rich man can share his wealth with others and find enjoyment in so doing, he is using his wealth as God intended.”

3.) **Treasure up** _____, v.19 (Matt. 6:19-20)

2. SPIRITUAL WEALTH, vv.20-21

A. _____ the deposit, v. 20a

B. _____ false teachings, v.20b-21

1.) **WHAT to Avoid:** Turn aside from godless (profane), empty babbling (or chatter that directly opposes true knowledge, for while it is false, it is _____, and results in deep spiritual compromise.

2.) **WHY Avoid it:** These lies cause serious _____: a swerving away from the faith (see 1 Tim.1:6; 2 Tim.2:18).