



“BECOMING ARROGANT BECAUSE OF POSSESSIONS”

Series: “THE TEMPTATIONS OF RICHES”, Part 1 of 4

Sunday, January 5, 2025, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: I Timothy 6:6-12, 17-20

Big Idea: The temptation toward arrogance about riches can be remedied with an intentional focus on the truths God shows us about the ephemeral nature of this life, and the eternal realities of the next.

I Timothy 6:9-10, “People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

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I. TWO SAD BY-PRODUCTS OF AN ARROGANT SPIRIT.

A. It makes us feel superior to others.

Luke 12:15b, “Be on your guard against all kinds of greed because a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of things that he possesses.”

B. A distorted sense of self-sufficiency.

Proverbs 22:7, “The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Psalms 10:4, “In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.”

II. THREE STRATEGIES FOR DEALING WITH THE TEMPTATION TOWARD ARROGANCE

A. Acknowledge the certainty of your own death.

I Timothy 6:7, “For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.”

Psalm 49:16-20, “Do not be overawed when a man grows rich, when the splendor of his house increases; for he will take nothing with him when he dies, his splendor will not descend with him. Though while he lived he counted himself blessed— and men praise you when you prosper—he will join the generation of his fathers, who will never see the light of life. A man who has riches without understanding is like the beasts that perish.”

B. Acknowledge the uncertainty of wealth.

I Timothy 6:17a, “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...”

C. Acknowledge the value of generous living and giving.

I Timothy 6:18, “Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”

I Timothy 6:19, “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.”