



“BECOMING RECKLESS WITH RICHES”

Series: “THE TEMPTATIONS OF RICHES”, Part 2 of 4

Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: I Timothy 6:9, Luke 14:28-30, misc. verses

Big Idea: Maturity is the ability to postpone pleasure.

I. Embrace the biblical teaching that God is the owner, and we are the managers.

Psalm 24:1, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”

I Corinthians 4:2, “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”

II. Live within your means.

Luke 14:28, “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?”

Proverbs 27:23, “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.”

Luke 16:10a, “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much.”

Proverbs 3:9, “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.”

III. Get out of debt and, by God’s grace, stay out of debt.

Romans 13:8, “Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.”

IV. Use some of God’s resources to have a robust and wholesome good time.

I Timothy 6:17, “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.”

V. Invest the remainder wisely.

Proverbs 21:20, "In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has."

"Earlier in my life, I thought the things that mattered were the things that you could see, like your car, your house, your wealth, your property, your office. But as I've grown older, I've become convinced that the things that matter most are the things that you can't see. We tend to think that money and fame and the adulation of others will make us happy. But we come to realize that those things are not foundations for real success. Piling up material goods cannot fill the emptiness of lives which have no purpose." - President Jimmy Carter