

**Giving Up What Cannot Be Kept
to Gain What Cannot Be Lost
(1 Timothy 6:11–21)**
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INTRODUCTION

EXPOSITION

INSTRUCTION TO TIMOTHY (6:11–17)

(6:11) Timothy is to flee contentious disputations (v 4) and love of money (vv 8–9) and is to pursue godly virtues

(6:12) Timothy is to fight for the faith (which is a good fight) and is to maintain the eternal-life perspective (befitting his possession of eternal life), to which he was called and has confessed before many witnesses

Lay hold of eternal life does not mean to acquire it. Timothy already has everlasting life.

Cf. 1 Timothy 1

Cf. 2 Timothy 1

(6:13–14) Paul urged Timothy before God the giver of all life and before Christ Jesus who gave a good confession before Pontius Pilate—that he preserve the command (as spotless and blameless) [the command to teach and exhort the contents of this book] until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ [to the church at the Rapture]

(6:15–16) [Timothy is to preserve the command (as spotless and blameless) to teach and exhort the contents of this book] until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ to the church at the Rapture], which the Lord Jesus Christ (who is holy, sovereign, and worthy of honor and everlasting power) will manifest in His own time

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE WEALTHY (6:17–19)

(6:17) Timothy is to command those who are wealthy not to be haughty nor to trust in uncertain wealth, but to trust the living God who gives us all things to enjoy

Defining the rich

(6:18) The rich are to do good, so they may have an abundance of good works and are to share

(6:19) [The rich are to have an abundance of good works and to share so they may be rewardable in the time to come and so that they may now maintain an eternal life perspective

GUARDING HIS HERITAGE (6:20–21)

(6:20–21a) Timothy is to guard the [ministry of God’s word] that was entrusted to him, avoiding the empty and contradictory falsehoods, because such falsehood has seduced some from continuing to believe [the truth]

(6:21b) Paul extends grace to Timothy

SUMMARY