

February 9, 2020

## Exhortation for the Rich

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## Services

### Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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**Elders:** Mike Gerber, Travis Hall  
**Deacons:** John Frost, Dave Goff, Roger Sholders

*Visitors are welcome*  
*We offer Bible classes for all ages*  
*We also offer in-home Bible studies*

We have Bible lessons on the radio  
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

**1 Timothy 6:17:** *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;*

**1 Timothy 6** stresses the danger of having a bad attitude toward material things. After warning about those who suppose that “**gain is godliness**” (1 Tim. 6:5), stating “**those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation, a snare**” (verse 9), and declaring “**the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil**” (verse 10), the Holy Spirit through Paul gave a “**charge**” for the rich.

He first charged that the rich should not be “**highminded**.” Those who are rich can be tempted to view themselves more highly than those who are poor. Such arrogance must be avoided.

The second charge given to the rich in **1 Timothy 6:17** is that they should not “**trust in uncertain riches**.”

Riches can be here one day and gone the next. Centering one’s hope on these things is foolishness (cf. **Luke 12:16-21**).

God does not condemn *having* earthly wealth, but He warns against and condemns wrong *attitudes* toward them.

Whether rich or poor, we must be content with what we have (**Heb. 13:5**). We must be humble, set our affection on things above (**Col. 3:2**), and we must be “**rich in good works**” (1 Tim. 6:18).

# Give Thanks to the Lord

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**Psalm 106:1** says, “*Give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good.*” The need for gratitude is stressed throughout Scripture, as is God’s goodness that should *prompt* gratitude. For instance, consider:

God’s Word: God has given us “*all things that pertain to life and godliness*” (**2 Pet. 1:3**) and made “*known to us the mystery of His will*” (**Eph. 1:9a**). God’s Word is full of truthful, honorable, just, pure, lovely, virtuous, and praiseworthy things (**Phil. 4:8**). It is our access to the “*wisdom that is from above*” (**Jas. 3:17**), and the guide to eternal life (**John 6:68**). Are we grateful for God’s Word, through which our Creator speaks to us today?

Jesus: God’s Word reveals His plan to redeem mankind from sin through Jesus (**Rom. 5:7-8**). Are we grateful to God for the love, grace, and mercy He demonstrated by giving us His Son? Are we grateful to Jesus for descending from heaven to live a persecuted life on earth and die on the cross?

Forgiveness: The gift of Jesus allows forgiveness of sins for those who trust and obey Him. The Jews Peter preached to in Acts 2 had delivered up the Messiah to be crucified, yet were told it was possible for their sins to be forgiven (**Acts 2:38**). Saul persecuted Christians, yet was told that if he submitted to God’s terms, his sins

would be washed away (**Acts 22:16**). These individuals did not deserve God’s forgiveness, and neither do we. Are we grateful to Him for offering forgiveness?

Prayer: Those who submit to God’s terms for forgiveness are promised God’s providential care in answering prayer (**1 Pet. 3:12**). Prayer gives us the chance to ask for divine help in our lives. Are we grateful for this wonderful blessing?

Worship: Prayer is one form of worship toward God. Worship is an expression of gratitude, but it is also something to be grateful for itself. David said, “*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*” (**Psalm 122:1**). Are we as thankful as David was for the chance to worship God?

Opportunities for Good: Opportunities for good works are numerous. “*The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few*” (**Matt. 9:37**) is a saying that applies not only to evangelizing the lost, but also to many other good works. Are we thankful for opportunities to do good?

These are just a few of the blessings that our good and perfect God offers us. May we appreciate these blessings and be grateful to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who make all blessings possible.

## God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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## Words to Consider

***“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”***

**– Ephesians 5:20**

***“In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.”***

**– Philippians 4:6-7**

## Prayer List

Holly G  
Sandy S  
Betty P  
Mabel H  
Cheryl S  
Norma C  
Allen S (Cancer)  
Raymond & Maxine  
Randy & Kim S  
Ken & Chris F  
Brandon O's Grandmother (Lung Cancer)  
June's Niece, Debbie  
Berlyn & Guyla Y  
Jeanette's Mother, Fontella  
Jerry S (Prostate Cancer)

## Daily Bible Reading

February 9 – Exodus 36-38; Matt. 23:1-22  
February 10 – Exodus 39-40; Matt. 23:23-39  
February 11 – Leviticus 1-3; Matt. 24:1-28  
February 12 – Leviticus 4-5; Matt. 24:29-51  
February 13 – Leviticus 6-7; Matt. 25:1-30  
February 14 – Leviticus 8-10; Matt. 25:31-46  
February 15 – Leviticus 11-12; Matt. 26:1-25

***“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God;” – Ephesians 6:17***

### **Prayer Leaders**

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Bible Study: Steve  
Worship: Darrell  
Evening: Michael

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Dan H

### **Clean Building**

Jeanette

### **Prepare Communion**

Jeanette

### **Upcoming Reminders**

**Feb. 22: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.**

*Study: Women of the New Testament*

### **Assignments**

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Reading: Mike  
Announcements: Travis  
Table: Darrell  
Serve: Harold  
Mike  
John  
Mark

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Invitation: Mike

### **Anniversaries**

### **Birthdays**

February 13 – Darrell  
February 15 – Dan D  
February 20 – Jeff  
February 23 – Larry  
February 28 – Donna G  
February 28 – Sandy