*Understanding 1 & 2 Timothy*

**What Are You Holding Onto?**

*1 Timothy 6:17-19*

*Related Scriptures: Matthew 6:19-21; Proverbs 23:4-5; Ecclesiastes 5:18-20*

*Opening Thoughts:*

Two proper perspectives on wealth that keep us from holding on to it too tightly:

**I.** **The Right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: Fix your hope in God (Vs. 17)

 A. Not in yourself (Vs. 17b)

 B. Not in riches (Vs. 17 c)

*Why? Because God will supply all you need to enjoy life.*

**II. The Right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:** Store up eternal treasure (Vs. 18-19)

A. By doing good (Vs. 18a)

 B. By being generous (Vs. 18c)

*Why? So that you may have life indeed.*

* **Points to Ponder:**
1. Have you bought into the lie that your worth is wrapped up in what you own? Do you somehow imagine that you are perhaps better than those who have little? What is your perspective when you look at a homeless person or consider those less fortunate?
2. What would being rich in good works look like practically today in your life?
3. Consider how Paul says that it is God who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Have you stopped and thanked God for all that He has given you and the things you enjoy this week? Spend some time this week being thankful for all God has given you.
4. Why are riches so uncertain? How have you seen the uncertainty of riches in your own life? According to these verses where is true security found?