

The Way to the Greatest Gain and True Wealth:

Open with prayer for God's wisdom to be given to us.

The stock market plummeted in the last few weeks. The pain of loss of wealth rippled across the nations. We can understand the need for means to support ourselves and help others, but what is true wealth? Paul wants Timothy to remind his congregation that the "love of money is the root of all sorts of evil" (6:10, NASB). Pursuit of wealth can deflect people from the "faith" and become "pierced with many griefs" (6:10, NASB).

What do we put in the place of the love for and pursuit of wealth? We "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness" (6:11, NASB). All of these attributes are about relationships, first to God and then to others. So, relationships are where true wealth resides, beginning with relationship to God through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Read I Timothy 6:10-11.

Questions to Answer and Apply: When was the last time you grieved over a loss of any significant kind? Significant loss is real and felt, yet how do the true blessings of our relationship with God relieve such pain?

Close in prayer with thanksgiving to God.