

# CHASING HOPE

## Financial Hope

To the “rich”...

In Jesus day

1. Didn't need to worry if you'd be able to eat or feed your family tomorrow.
2. You were not homeless.
3. You had more than one extra change of clothes

Bonus – you could eat meat once a week.

Rich = Discretionary income

*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. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

*1 Timothy 6:17-19*

4 Imperatives – 2 negatives (do not) 2 positives (for sure do!)

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant.*

*1 Timothy 6:17a*

*But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.*

*Deuteronomy 8:18a*

*Nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God.*

*1 Timothy 6:17b*

Hope – “elpis” – assured expectation

Maxim

Misplaced hope and time = helplessness

Well placed hope and time = hopefilledness

Two primary places hope ends up – Plutus or Jesus

Ploutus – riches/wealth

Plutus – god of wealth

Plutonomics – study of wealth management

Plutolatry – worship of wealth

*Who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

*1 Timothy 6:17c*

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds.*

*1 Timothy 6:18a*

Do my good deeds equal or exceed my net wealth?

*And to be generous and willing to share.*

*1 Timothy 6:18b*

Does God want you to be rich?

God wants you to be a good steward!

Financial Peace University (FPU)

- February 7 – April 4

- Meet every Tuesday at 6:30pm

- Waukesha campus

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.*

*Matthew 19:23*