

Adulting #4 - From Collecting Toys to Kingdom Investment

1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life.

The Christian View of Work

- We work and rest because God set the example. (Gen 2:1-3)
- Work is a calling from our Creator - *vocation*. (Gen 1:28-30, 2:15)
- Work is difficult because of sin and the fall. (Gen 3:17-19)
- Work is redeemed in Christ. (Ephesians 2:10)

The Blessings & Dangers of Building Wealth

BLESSINGS:

- You can provide for the needs of your family (1 Tim 5:8)
- You can invest in Kingdom causes (1 Cor 16:1-2)
- You can help people in need (1 Tim 6:18)
- You can leave an inheritance for the next generation (Prov 13:22)

DANGERS:

- You can trust your money more than God (1 Tim 6:17)
- You can sacrifice relationships for wealth (1 Cor 13:4-5)
- You can treasure money more than Christ (Matt 6:24)
- You can focus on the temporary more than the eternal (1 Tim 6:19)

7 Practical Words of Wisdom

1. Work hard and be reliable
2. Always create and follow a budget
3. Be Generous - Tithe 10% and Help Others
4. Be Wise - Save 10%, Spend 80%, and Avoid Debt
5. Don't Gamble
6. Listen to Good Counsel
7. Think Long-term