

Spiritual Estate Planning

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<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> COMMAND THEM TO DO GOOD, TO BE RICH IN GOOD DEEDS, AND TO BE GENEROUS AND WILLING TO SHARE. <sup>19</sup> 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.

# Don't let wealth cloud your vision

- A. Don't let money convince you that you are something that you aren't.
- B. Don't let money convince you that you are more secure than you ought.
- C. Remember that there is only one adequate focal point for our hope

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- 1) For us to be generous
- 2) For us to be willing to share

# Realize the consequences

- A. There are counterfeit paths to life
- B. There is a path that leads to *true* life

# Proverbs 30:7-9

7 “Two things I ask of you, O LORD;  
do not refuse me before I die:

8 Keep falsehood and lies far from me;  
give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.

9 Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you  
and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’  
Or I may become poor and steal,  
and so dishonor the name of my God.



# So What

- Do you have a spiritual estate plan?
- How does the allure of the present influence you?
- Is Paul just being a fuddy-duddy, spoil-sport preacher or are there specific ways that we need to allow God to change our perspective regarding the use of wealth? Why and how?