



Sunday 22nd Jan 2023

This week we built upon our previous 2 weeks:

IF God is generous (week 1) but IF our hearts have a propensity toward getting tangled up in those gifts (week 2), then how can we be wise in the way that we handle the blessings that he gives us.

We spent time primarily in 1 Timothy 6v17-19 and saw four principles for wise stewardship:

- Our need to be **humble** before God
- Our need to **hope** in the right thing
- Our need to **enjoy** God's gifts
- Our need to be **generous** in all ways

Here are some questions to help your group think about application of this idea

- How do we feel about Paul's urging of Timothy to command the Christians in Ephesus in these verses? Why do you think he's so strong in his language?
- What evidence might we see in us of arrogance or hoping in the wrong thing (v17)?
- Do you believe that God 'richly provides everything for our enjoyment'? How does that square with v18 and our (second) command to 'do good, be rich in good deeds and generous and willing to share'?
- What would your life look like if you had more of those things?
- We talked about the distinction between generosity as contribution (the chicken who lays eggs) and generosity as sacrifice (the pig who gives bacon). How much is your giving costly?
- What 1 thing from this series do you need to take away and think or pray more about?