



Did you buy fireworks? If you bought them, which fireworks do you most look forward to lighting?

SERMON REVIEW

Read 1 Timothy 6:17; Matthew 6:24; Job 31:24-28. What are the two biggest traps of wealth?

Does God ever use suffering as a mercy upon people to keep them from pride and to build humility (See 2 Corinthians 12:7)? How does this reshape the way you think about suffering experienced in your life?

It is easy to find security for the future in our retirement account. Can you give an example of someone that had great wealth but lost it? How do you balance saving for the future, generous living and trusting God?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17, Deuteronomy 8:18 and 1 Kings 3:13. Pastor Kurt talked about the goodness of allowing ourselves to enjoy some of our wealth and that leads to more worship. Is that a new thought? How does it change the way you think about God's good gifts in your life?

Prior to that, did you feel guilty when you enjoyed some of God's blessings?

Read 1 Timothy 6:18, Proverbs 19:17, and Galatians 6:10. Paul talks about the importance of using our wealth to do good for others and lay up treasure in heaven. Did knowing it is acceptable to enjoy your wealth but that it is wise to invest our wealth through generosity inspire you toward more generous living?



What else have you learned from the Bible about the wisdom of generosity for this life and eternity?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Luke 18:18-30. Why did God call this man to give away all of his possessions? Why is this not an example every rich person should follow? What encouragement does Jesus offer for those who left behind wealth and comfort for the sake of the growth of Christ's kingdom?

Read Luke 12:16-21. What is the danger of waiting until you are financially secure to lay up treasure in heaven? What should this man have done to send his treasure ahead for eternity? In what way does this parable challenge you to change your financial practices?