



The Road to Joyful Generosity

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1. **Contentment:** *I appreciate and enjoy what I have*

1 Timothy 6:6

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2. **History:** *I know where I came from and where I am going*

1 Timothy 6: 7

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3. **Simplicity:** *I enjoy the basics of life*

1 Timothy 6:8

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4. **Awareness:** *I won't buy the lie*

1 Timothy 6:9

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5. **Love:** *I won't take the risk of falling in love with money.*

1 Timothy 6:10

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But you, Seek, follow, and become more like Jesus

1 Timothy 6:11-16

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

My Next Step into Joyful Generosity

Hope: *I will put my hope in God and not in wealth*

1 Timothy 6:17

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..

What are signs that I am putting my hope in wealth?

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2. **Enjoy:** *I will enjoy the amazing gifts God gives me*

1 Timothy 6:17

...who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

How can I slow down and enjoy God's good gifts at a deeper level?

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3. **Share:** *I will share with a generous and willing heart*

1 Timothy 6:18

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

What can I share and when will I share it?

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4. [Invest](#): *I will give to things that last forever*

1 Timothy 6:19

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.

What is one way I can increase my investment in the work of Jesus?

An invitation to Simple Sharing