





Thought Paper Faith in the Early Church

Session 4 August 12

Wealthy and The Truly Good Life

Main Idea: False teachers are motivated by greed, which generates from the worship of a false god. Rich Christians are called to "convert" from the false god of wealth to the true and living God.

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6: 3-19 This passage describes the dangers of teachings in light of the true riches God gives while also encouraging believers to fight the good fight of faith.

For Reflection and Action

In 1 Timothy 6: 4, the Pastor has some strong criticisms of those who, in his view, are doing false teaching. Do you think such harsh words toward others are ever justified in the life of the church? If so, when and by whom?

The Pastor calls Timothy to live his life as a "man of God" and encourages Timothy, as a way to stay steady on the path of godliness, to remember his baptism and ordination. Sometimes in worship, Christians are called to "remember your baptism and be thankful." How do you think one's baptism can serve as a support and guide in living the Christian life?

What do you think it means today for Christians to be converted from trusting in wealth as a source of security to trusting in God?

