

Lessons To Learn While Sheltering at Home

Selected Scriptures

1. **Beware of the Peril of Affluence** (1 Tim. 6:6-11, 17-19)

A. The Delight from Wealth

It is good for man to work and to earn a living to take care of the needs of his family (2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8). It is good if a man is able to enjoy the good product of his labor (Ecc. 5:18-19; cf. Ecc. 2:24; 3:12-13). God has not required asceticism for righteous living, but rather the thankful use and enjoyment of whatever we have (cf. 1 Tim. 6:17b).

B. The Danger of Wealth

It is not sinful to be wealthy, but being wealthy is often hazardous (Mark 4:19; cf. Prov. 30:7-9; Matt 19:23-24). Pursuing wealth and the luxury that it can provide can lead men away from God (Matt. 6:24; 1 Tim. 6:10).

C. The Directive for the Wealthy

Those who are wealthy are not to trust in their wealth but in God (1 Tim. 6:17). And the one who has been given much in this world is to be rich in good works and generous with others (1 Tim. 6:18-19). This is a way in which the rich of this world display where they are storing up their treasure (Matt. 6:19-21).

2. **Beware of the Presumption of Ease** (Gen. 3:19)

The Lord has not promised that the lives of believers would be easy and comfortable or that they would end in a peaceful manner (cf. Heb. 11:37-38). The wages of sin that all men will pay is our own physical death (Gen. 3:19; cf. Deut. 32:39). The manner and timing of any one person's death is not dependent upon his or her own righteousness or faithfulness to God (cf. Luke 13:1-5).

3. **Beware of the Sin of Anxiety** (Phil. 4:6-7)

Anxiety is a manifestation of a lack of faith in God. Anxiety often manifests when people are confronted with circumstances which they are not able to control. God is good and He has commanded that we trust in Him (1 John 3:23).

A. Do Not Be Anxious for your Physical Needs (Matt. 6:25)

B. Do Not Be Anxious for God's Good Plan for You (Rom. 8:28)

C. Do Not Be Anxious of Being Separated from Christ (Rom. 8:35)

D. Give Your Anxious Thoughts to the Lord (1 Pet. 5:7; Phil. 4:6-7)