Healthy Churches

**Avoid Worldliness**

They richly invest in the eternal state

(1 Timothy 6:17-21)

*17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19**thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. 20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” 21**for by professing it some have swerved from the faith. Grace be with you.*

*(ESV)*

*Healthy Churches*

* Guard the gospel message (1)
* Pray (2)
* Develop godly leaders (3)
* Discern truth from error (4)
* Honor each other (5)
* Avoid worldliness (6)

***Matthew 13:45-46***

*45“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

*Trust in God’s future life instead of this life* (1 Tim 6:17-19)

* Guard against a proud mindset (v. 17)

***Proverbs 23:4-5***

*4Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. 5When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.*

***Matthew 6:19-21***

*19Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

***Haggai 2:8***

*The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts.*

***1 Corinthians 4:1-2***

*1This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.*

* Develop eternal investment mindset (vs. 18-19)

“do good”

“rich in good works”

“generous and ready to share”

*Remain true to God’s revelation instead of world’s values* (1 Tim 6:20-21)