

## Mid-week Stewardship Thought

### Treasure for the Coming Age

We are encouraged to put aside some money into savings. We've been taught the 10-10-80 principle of tithing the first ten percent, saving the second, and living on the remaining 80, so we see that, next to giving God our first and best, saving is of utmost importance. However, as Christian stewards, our security does not lie in those savings we have tucked away, but in our Savior, Who provides all we need and most of what we want besides!



The Apostle Paul admonished, *“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not be to haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, Who richly provides us with everything to enjoy”* (1 Timothy 6:17). Rather, he added, *“They are to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share...”* (verse 18). By these words, we can see what we are not to do – grasp our wealth and consider it our hope – and what we are to do – trust in God to provide for us and to use what we've been able to save to share with those who are in need. That would be enough for us: to know God's will and to obey it. Nevertheless, Paul tells us there is a blessing involved: *“...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”* (verse 19).

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, help me resist the attractions and temptations of this world. Amen.