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**The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.**

**1 Tim. 6:18-19** *Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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. (NIV)*

I love this statement from Paul to Timothy. As he is mentoring his young disciple, he is making sure to give him good and constructive help in the ministry. He is sharing with him what he should be helping his congregation to do. The overarching thought is to be ‘givers’ and not ‘takers.’ That will bode well for us as well. There is no better way to touch the lives of others than through giving of ourselves to them and for them.

And then Paul exhorts Timothy that what he is sharing with them will build in them a firm foundation. He then uses a revealing phrase--*so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life*. This is the abundant life that only comes from our walk in the Savior. To take hold means to grasp with the intent of not letting go. It is a commitment. A daily commitment that will continue to draw them closer and closer to the LORD. For anyone who will choose to abide in Him, they will begin to experience the life of the LORD more and more. It is an infusion of the Holy Spirit’s power directly into our spiritual veins. It will cause us to see like He sees, speak like He speaks and go where He goes. It is literally giving over the ‘steering wheel’ of our life to His hands. We He leads, we will follow. Where He directs, we will go. Let us take hold of the life that is truly life!

**Dear LORD, this can only happen by Your great salvation and Your mighty power in us. Help us to walk in You alone today. In Jesus Name, Amen**