In whom or in what do we put our trust or confidence? I will never forget the time I was standing on a homemade ladder with a full gallon of oil based paint when the ladder gave way. I fell, the paint flew up and I was drenched in powder blue paint. I believed the ladder would hold me up. I put my confidence its ability to keep me safe while I did my job. What a huge mistake; it took hours to clean up the mess and get the paint out of my hair and beard. In these verses Paul issues a strong warning. Let's look at it together.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (Phillips) Tell those who are rich in this present world not to be contemptuous of others, and not to rest the weight of their confidence on the transitory power of wealth but on the living God, who generously gives us everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in kindly actions, to be ready to give to others and to sympathize with those in distress. Their security should be invested in the life to come so that they may be sure of holding a share in the life which is permanent.

Paul knew that it was so easy to put confidence and trust in accumulated wealth. A large savings account or diversified stock portfolio are wonderful things when the purpose is to be wise with the resources that God has given to us. But, our Confidence and Trust should always be in GOD not in our stuff or our income. I love the way Phillips translates verse 19. "Their security should be invested in the life to come..." that means that true security is knowing that we belong to the Lord Jesus. True security is knowing that no matter what happens, our God is in control. I am convinced that there are times when God puts us through difficult times financially so that we will put our Confidence and Trust in Him instead of our money.

**PRAYER:** Lord God, please help me to see everything You have given to me as temporary and fleeting in light of eternity. Please help me to be thankful for Your provision whether I am financially comfortable or struggling.

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