



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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1 Timothy 6:17–19

Read and Listen to “[*The Measure of Riches*](#)”

[Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch](#)

Class Starter or Closer Discussion Questions

1. God calls His people to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, storing up true treasure for the future (1 Timothy 6:18–19).

How does Jake’s struggle over whether to give from the feed shed reflect the tension between holding onto earthly resources and investing in heavenly treasure? What does his final decision reveal about what it means to store up treasure in heaven?

2. Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).

What do Jake’s thoughts and actions show about where his heart is at the beginning of the story compared to the end? How does giving to those in need help shift a person’s heart toward what truly matters?

3. God’s commands are not burdens but expressions of His love and wisdom for our lives.

How do Mary’s words about Jesus giving up His glory help Jake understand the meaning of true riches? What does this teach about how God measures wealth differently than people do?

4. Followers of Christ are called to trust God’s provision and give without fear.

What role does trust play in Jake’s decision to share what the ranch has? How might fear have kept him from acting, and what helped him move beyond that fear?

5. Storing up treasure in heaven involves developing godly character and living out faith in practical ways.

How does the act of quietly delivering food to those in need illustrate “taking hold of the life that is truly life”? What does this teach about how everyday choices shape a person’s character and eternal reward?