

The apostle Paul had appointed his young protégé Timothy to oversee the growing church in Ephesus. As a large, sophisticated, commercial center, Ephesus no doubt had a sizable population of wealthy people. That fact prompted Paul to write Timothy a lengthy passage about the dangers of pursuing wealth as a source of contentment or Godliness, and instructions for what wealthy people should do with their money. (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19)

Solomon wrote that pursuing riches for the sake of gain alone would bring trouble into one's life. Paul wrote Timothy the same thing: "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10) Note that it is not money, but the love of money that brings sorrow. What should wealthy people do instead? "Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share." (verse 18) Instead of being greedy, be generous.

To the degree God has blessed you, look for ways to be a blessing to others. (2 Corinthians 8:11-12)

Proverbs 15:27 "He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live."