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**Topic: A Church in Order: Lay Hold on Eternal Life**

Scripture text: 1 Timothy 6:17-21

1.To lay hold means to grasp tightly. What is eternal life to us? We must grasp it tightly. The assumption is that we have it. We do not deserve it. We did not earn it. But we received it by grace and we must regard it as precious. Our responsibility is to work out our salvation even when we know the end is assured.

2.We must beware of the uncertain riches. A solemn charge is given to those who are rich in this world. Those who have much possession must not be proud or complacent. We must not trust in all these material things but rather trust in the living God who provides for us. We must also use our possessions to do God's will.

3.Do good means doing something that is intrinsically and morally good. This means we must do it with pure motives and we must show it externally. This is the meaning of being rich in terms of good works. The picture is one of sharing resources to help one another and promote spiritual growth.

4.We are to guard what we have learned, uphold the truth and reject the falsehood.