

The local, The global and our ordinary everyday lives

Romans 12: 1-2 (The Message)



Change starts with our lifestyles

A summary of Tearfund's discussion paper:
The restorative economy

THE RESTORATIVE ECONOMY

COMPLETING OUR UNFINISHED MILLENNIUM JUBILEE

'And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.' Isaiah 58:12 (ESV)



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- **Live within our fair share of the earth's resources (Food, Travel, Homes and Stuff)**
- **Live with generosity**
- **Speak out prophetically**
- **Use our power as a voter, citizen and consumer**
- **Prioritise relationships**

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'GATHER THE PIECES
THAT ARE LEFT OVER.
LET NOTHING BE WASTED.'
(JOHN 6:12)**



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1/3 | OF ALL FOOD
PRODUCED
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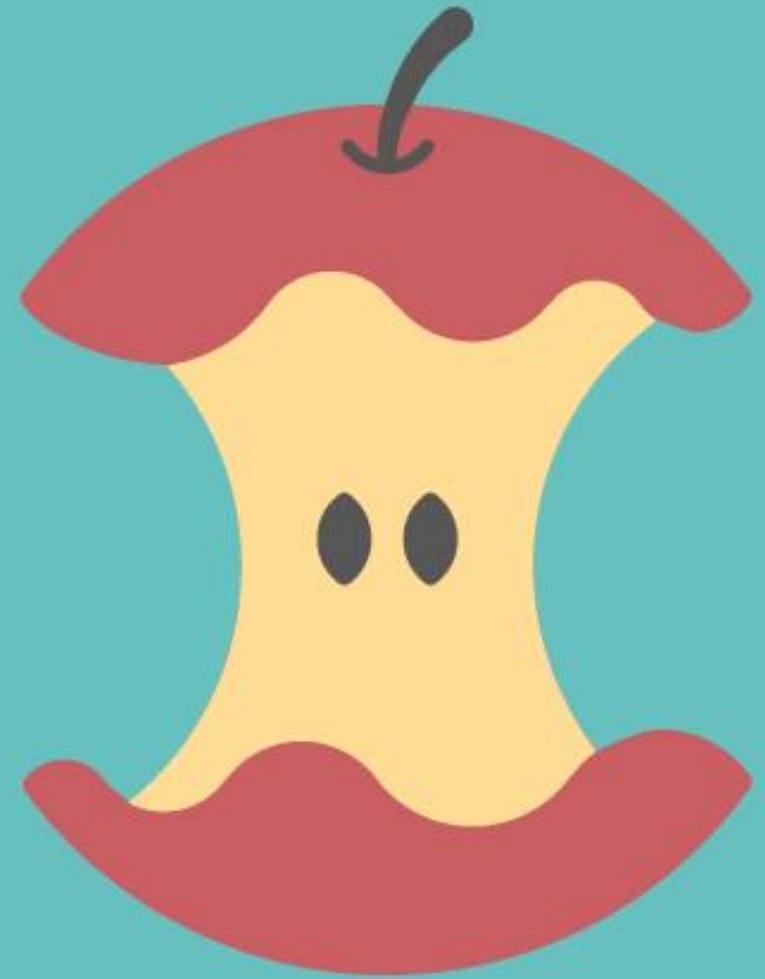
Global Food Losses and Food Waste. Extent, Causes and Prevention. (FAO, 2011)



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**IT'S TIME TO GET
TO THE CORE OF THE
FOOD WASTE ISSUE**



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**THE AVERAGE UK
HOME THROWS AWAY
£470 OF EDIBLE
FOOD EACH YEAR**

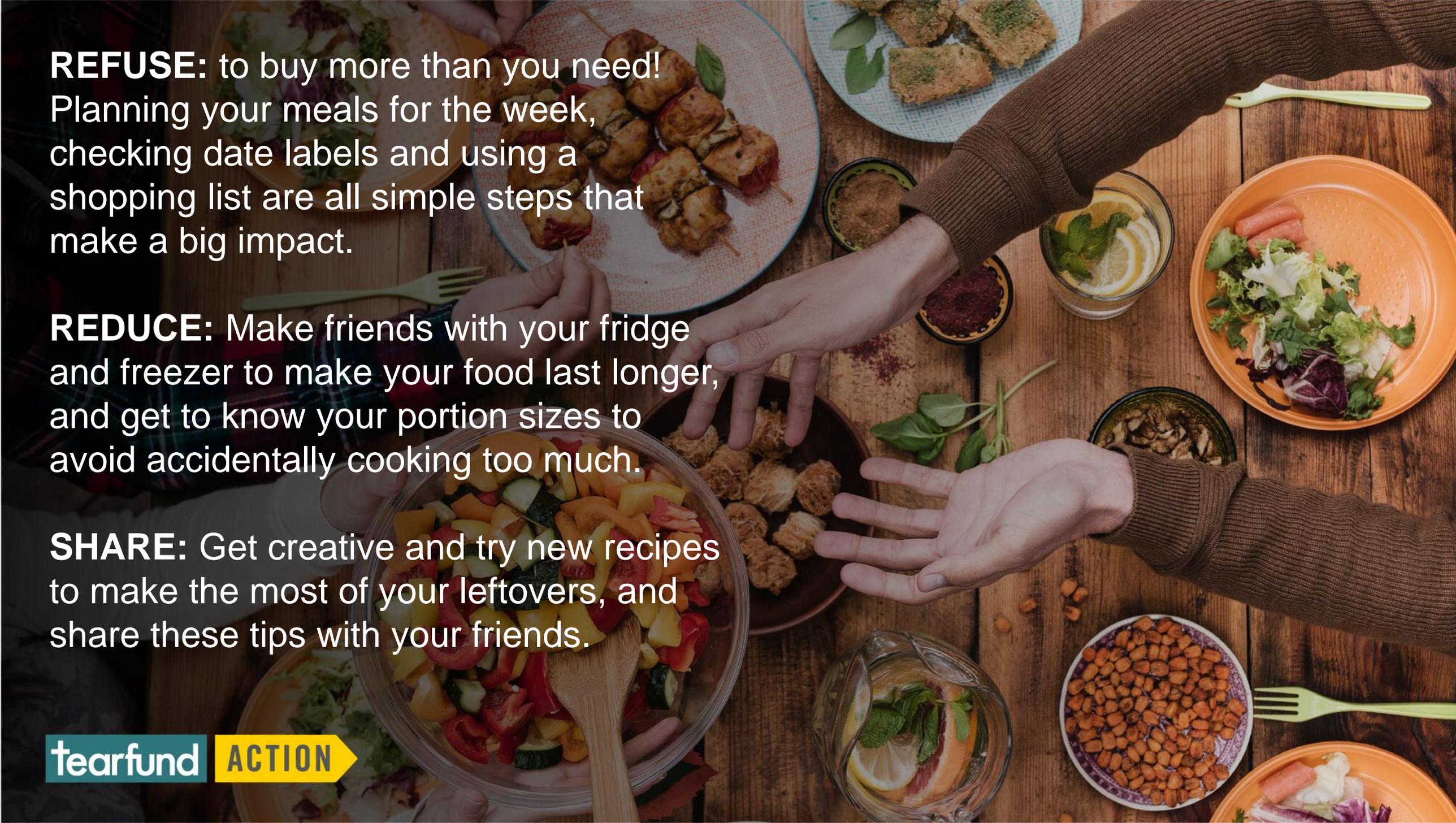
(WRAP, 2017)





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REFUSE: to buy more than you need! Planning your meals for the week, checking date labels and using a shopping list are all simple steps that make a big impact.

REDUCE: Make friends with your fridge and freezer to make your food last longer, and get to know your portion sizes to avoid accidentally cooking too much.

SHARE: Get creative and try new recipes to make the most of your leftovers, and share these tips with your friends.

TAKE ACTION NOW

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD...

Food is a precious gift, generously given to us by God. Each meal gives us an opportunity to receive his gifts with thankfulness.

Yet today a third of all the food grown in the world will never be eaten.¹ Most of this waste is preventable, yet we have become caught in a harmful grow-and-throw food cycle which does not value the gifts that God has given.

In the UK, we waste enough food from our homes each year to fill Wembley Stadium nine times over!² And in our fields, a third of our vegetable crops are never even harvested as a result of supermarkets' strict cosmetic standards.³

In a world where so many go hungry, this can't be right.

And the injustice doesn't end there. This wasteful cycle has a big carbon footprint, making climate change worse and leading to more droughts, floods and less reliable rain. This makes life harder for people in poverty.

Jesus shows us another way to live.

The lesson didn't end after Jesus generously fed 5,000 people with a few loaves and fish. The leftovers were a vital part of the story. Jesus said 'Gather up all the pieces. Let nothing be wasted.' (John 6:12)

This year, we have joined with churches around the world to show our love for God and our neighbours through the Renew Our World campaign. Together we can gather up the pieces by pledging to renew our food and asking our supermarkets to do the same.

Put your faith into action to renew our food today.

¹ Global Food Issues and Food Waste: Extent, Causes and Prevention (FAO, 2013).
² Household Food and Drink Waste in the United Kingdom 2012 (WRAP, 2013).
³ Global Food - waste not want one (Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 2013).

'WHEN THEY HAD ALL HAD ENOUGH TO EAT, JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "GATHER THE PIECES THAT ARE LEFT OVER. LET NOTHING BE WASTED."
JOHN 6:12



Dear _____

(Please insert the name of the supermarket where you regularly shop. We can make a bigger impact when we act together, so we'll gather these actions and let each retailer know how many of their customers have taken action.)

LET NOTHING BE WASTED

I'm shocked that a third of all food grown for us to eat is never eaten, and that here in the UK our waste is making climate change worse. Climate change has a huge impact on people in poverty and on this beautiful world which we share.

That's why I pledge today to do my bit to reduce food waste at home, and as one of your customers I am calling on you to do the same.

- I will reduce my own food waste by: (please tick to pledge)
- Refusing to buy food I don't need.
 - Reducing the amount that goes into my landfill bin.
 - Sharing my food-saving tips with others.

Will you commit to more ambitious action on food waste too?

Supermarkets have a powerful role to play in reducing food waste, from farm to fork. For instance, when crops are wasted due to strict cosmetic standards, or when customers are encouraged to buy more than they need.

The UN have set a Global Goal to halve food waste by 2030. Will you commit to halve food waste in your operations, and publish a roadmap on how you propose to achieve this, so that people in poorer countries can flourish?

Thank you for all that you are already doing on this important issue. Together we can tackle food waste and renew our world, piece by piece.

Signature: _____

Please fill in your details overleaf and return to Tearfund as soon as possible, but ideally by end October 2017.

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RENEW OUR FOOD



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Consumerism
and simplicity



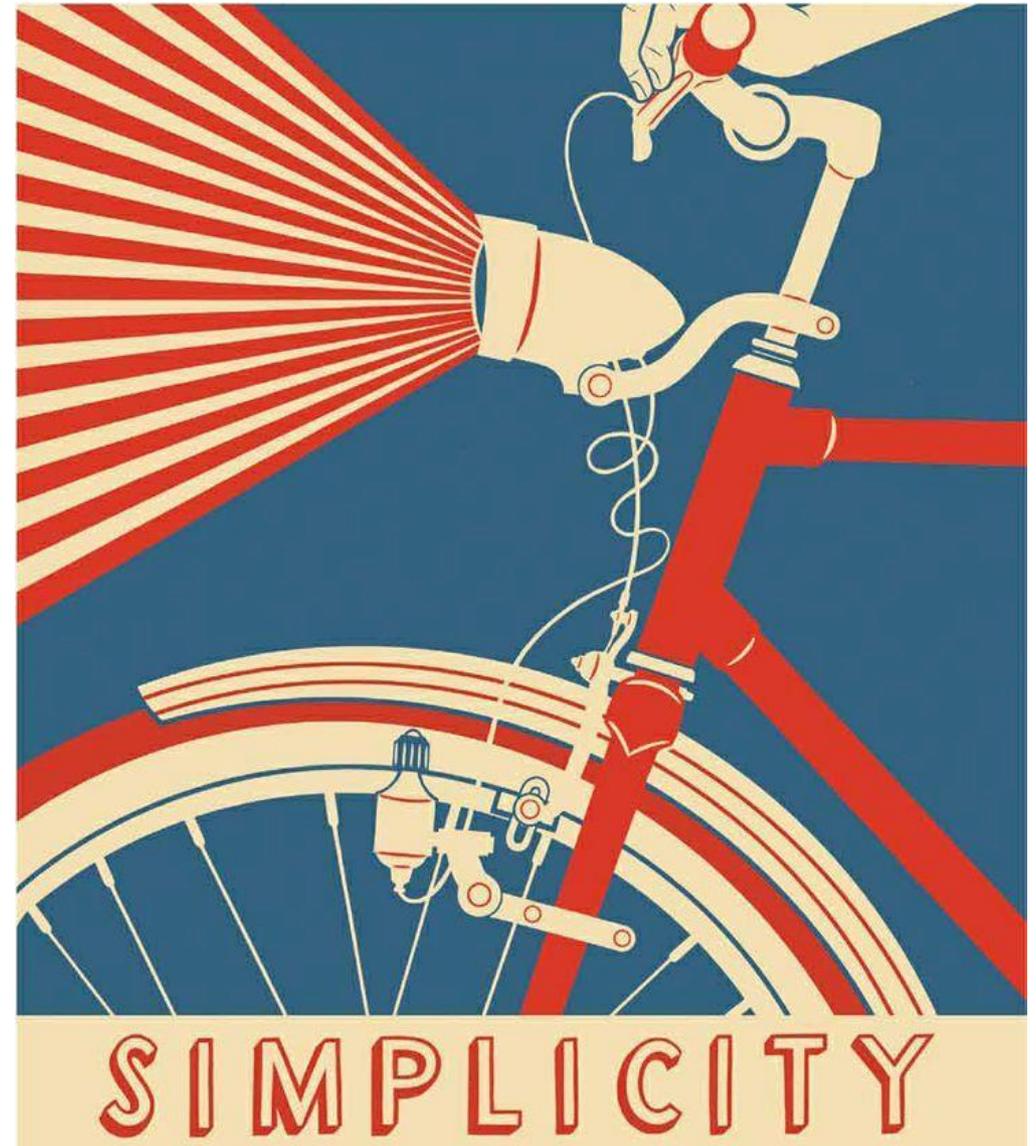
Symptoms of unsustainable consumerism:

- Environmental breakdown
- Wealth inequality
- Breakdown of community and loneliness



What is the alternative?

- In the Old Testament:
- Jesus life and example:
- Servants:





Southall

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Southall is the highest ethnic minority area in the country...

and parts rank as the highest 'other faith' populations in the UK







- Living in community
- Accountability in spending
- Being present and rooted

We moved into 2 houses on Havelock Estate



View from the front door



Live simply so others may simply
live.

— *Mother Teresa* —

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- Being present and rooted
- Growing some of our own food and awareness of the earth

Allotment & Community Garden in partnership with AROCHA



We were all involved in organising, digging, growing or eating the produce!





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- Generosity, hospitality & inter-dependence



Thursday night gatherings

... perhaps creating an extended family ...





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- 'Voluntary poverty'

‘Simplicity helps us to discover the happiness that comes, not from having an abundance of money and things, but from having the space for intimacy in our friendships, the space for ourselves and, primarily, the space for God.’

- Ruth Valerio



Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 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.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

