

## Rich On Purpose!

“If you love me, **keep my commands.**” - *John 14:15 (NIV)*

You will be **made rich** in every way so that you can be generous on **every occasion**, and through us your generosity will result in **thanksgiving to God.** - *2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)*

**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.<sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and **to be generous and willing to share.**<sup>19</sup> 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 (NIV)*

- “God Has Blessed Me With **MORE** Than I **NEED**—I’m **RICH!** I Will Not

Trust In **RICHES**, But In **GOD** Who Richly **PROVIDES!**

Because I \_\_\_\_\_ More, I Will \_\_\_\_\_ More!”

### WE HONOR GOD WHEN WE GIVE...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ !

Each of **you should give** what you have **decided in your heart to give**, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- *2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)*

“Bring the whole **tithe** into **the storehouse**, that there may be food in my house.” - *Malachi 3:10a (NIV)*

#### A. Tithing Places God \_\_\_\_\_ In My Finances.

The purpose of tithing is to **teach** you always to put God **first** in your lives.

- *Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)*

#### B. Tithing Increases My \_\_\_\_\_ In God’s Provision.

“**Test me in this**,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” - *Malachi 3:10 (NIV)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ !

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speech, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love of us—I want you to **excel** also **in this gracious act of giving.** - *2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)*

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.<sup>2</sup> He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins.<sup>3</sup> “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in **more than all the others.**” - *Luke 21:1-3 (NIV)*

### FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

- When was a time that you gave something to bless someone else, and in return you were also blessed?
- What blessings have you seen from tithing? If you are not tithing, what strategy do you have for giving?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:7 together. Discuss what this Scripture means to you.
- What in your life needs to change in order for you to be able to give generously to God and to others?
- What did God speak to you in this message? What steps do you need to take to follow God’s will for your life when it comes to tithing? Spend time this week talking it over.
- How can you begin to pray this week for God to help you to depend upon him rather than your finances? Pray for one another.