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This is a resource for you to take the word God gives us in His house to your house!
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CHASING CARROTS: Money & Stuff

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What really makes for a happy life? A dream job, house, or a new relationship? If you're always hungry for the next big thing, but frustrated because it never seems to satisfy, you might be Chasing Carrots. It's time to hop off the wheel and chase after something real. This series is about the things people commonly chase after that only bring fleeting happiness, fulfillment, or validation—things like fame, achievements, approval, fame, or comfort.

>>>>>>>>>>ASK YOURSELF: WHAT IS RICH?<<<<<<<<<<<<

“RICH” —> IS AN EVER MOVING LINE.

Jesus talked so much about having a RIGHT perspective on money and things.

LUKE 12:15 NIV

“Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

POWER THOUGHT —> My QUALITY of life isn't determined by the VOLUME of my stuff.

LUKE 12:16-21 NIV

“Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.’ 18 Then he said, ‘I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”” 20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ 21 “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

In the story above: God's disappointment wasn't found in the man being rich, but rather he was missing out on being rich in the things that matter most —> his relationship with God.

POWER THOUGHT —> I should not apologize or feel shame for the blessing in my life. But the blessing is NOT what I chase after. I chase after the BLESSER!

ECCLESIASTES 5:19 NIV

“Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.

GOOD NEWS: YOU ARE RICH!
BAD NEWS: YOU ARE RICH!

>>>>>>>HOW DOES GOD WANT ME TO BE RICH?<<<<<<<<<<<<<

MATTHEW 19:23-24 NIV

“Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

ENGAGING THOUGHT —> The rich young ruler allowed his riches to KEEP HIM from becoming a disciple of Jesus. Think of the legacy he forfeited all because of possessions!

Don't believe the LIE that MORE STUFF will make you HAPPY.
We don't need MORE of what's temporal. We need MORE of what's **ETERNAL**.

2 TIMOTHY 6:17-19 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. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 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.”

A great statement to routinely repeat —> **“God has blessed me With more than I need. I'm rich. But I will not trust in my riches, But in Him who richly provides. Because I have more, I will give more And do more.”** - *Andy Stanley*

POWER THOUGHT —> People who live in the GIVE are people who are always laying up eternal treasure! **ENGAGING THOUGHT** —> Don't feel GUILTY for the riches God has blessed you with, but do feel RESPONSIBLE.

HOW DOES JESUS FILL MY LIFE'S VOIDS MORE THAN MONEY AND STUFF EVER COULD?

PRAY: *Father, thank You for allowing me to recognize Your goodness and blessings. I don't deserve them and I didn't earn them. I recognize You are the source of all that I have and it is by Your grace it has been given to me. Therefore, I step over any guilt and recognize all I have has come from You because You give good gifts to Your children. Give me freedom, God, to enjoy all of the blessings You give. But at the same time, give me a sense of divine responsibility that what I have isn't just for me, but you've blessed me to make a difference in the lives of others. Lead me Father in the blessing you have given, every day. In Jesus' Name I pray —> Amen!*