



Rich in Good Works

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Key Verses

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Luke 8:14
- John 3:16
- John 5:24

Questions

- Pastor Fred described two specific dangers for wealthy Christians: pride and setting their hope on riches rather than on God. Which of these two dangers do you think is more subtle and harder to recognize in your own life, and why?
- Paul writes in 1 Timothy 6:17 that God "richly supplies us with all things to enjoy." How does viewing every good thing in your life as a gift from God change the way you think about what you own or earn?
- Pastor Fred referenced the parable of the soils in Luke 8 and pointed out that worries, riches, and pleasures of this life choke spiritual growth. In what practical ways have you seen this happen in your own walk with God or in the lives of people around you?
- The sermon emphasized that rich Christians should be actively seeking ways to use their resources for the benefit of the church family, rather than waiting to be asked. What do you think holds most believers back from taking that kind of initiative?

- Pastor Fred said that doing good works and being generous is how we "send it forward" and lay a foundation for eternal rewards. How does thinking about eternity change the way you make financial and lifestyle decisions today?
- The sermon drew a parallel between Christ giving everything and being gloriously honored by the Father, and believers being rewarded for faithful stewardship. How does the example of Christ's sacrifice and reward motivate you to be more generous?
- Paul's instruction in 1 Timothy 6:20 tells Timothy to "protect what has been entrusted to you." What has God specifically entrusted to you, whether it is time, talent, treasure, or truth, and how are you actively protecting and using it for His glory?
- Pastor Fred reminded the church that God's grace is what empowers us to do good works. How does living in an awareness of God's daily grace change your motivation for serving, giving, and participating in the life of your church?
- Pastor Fred closed the message with an invitation to believe in Jesus Christ for eternal life to know for certain you are a part of God's family forever. Do you have this confidence? According to 1 Timothy 1:15-16, what did Jesus do for us and how are we to respond to Him? How did Jesus Christ give believers assurance in John 5:24?

Life Application

This week, take a prayerful and honest inventory of what God has entrusted to you, whether that is money, time, skills, or influence. Identify one specific and concrete way you can use what He has given you to serve your church family or advance the gospel. Then do not just plan it; actually take the first step to make it happen. As you do, remind yourself that you are laying a foundation for the life to come and living in the grace that Jesus has poured out on you.

Key Takeaways

- Rich Christians face unique spiritual dangers, specifically pride and placing their hope in wealth rather than in God, and must actively guard against both.
- True spiritual richness is not measured by what you possess but by the good works, generosity, and kingdom investment you make with what God has entrusted to you.
- Worries, riches, and the pleasures of this life are the primary things that choke spiritual growth and keep believers from becoming fruitful, as illustrated in the parable of the soils.
- Every believer is called to actively participate in God's family plans by doing good works, because faithful stewardship now lays a foundation for eternal rewards in the life to come.

- God's grace is the source and the power behind every good work a Christian can do, and living in that grace daily is what produces strength, maturity, and lasting fruit.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the grace You pour out on us without measure, grace we did not earn and do not deserve. As we leave this time together, help us to carry with us a renewed sense of purpose and urgency. Remind us that this life is temporary and that what we do with what You have given us echoes into eternity. Stir in each of us a generous heart, a humble Spirit, and a willingness to actively serve Your family. May we be found faithful with all You have entrusted to us, and may our lives bring glory to Your name both now and in the kingdom to come. In Jesus' name, amen.