

Soul Detox - Part 2 - Greed Mark Rouse / mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com July 22, 2018

For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, **the lust of the eyes**, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world. - 1 John 2:16

 Greed - an overwhelming desire to have <u>MORE</u> of something than is <u>NEEDED</u>.

THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL (Luke 12:13-21)

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions... 19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." - Luke 12:15, 19-21

I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. - John 10:10

HOW TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD

1) Generous with my **TIME**.

And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" - Matthew 25:40

2) Generous with my TALENTS.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

– 1 Corinthians 12:7

3) Generous with my TREASURE.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." - Hebrews 13:5

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ 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 9:6-7

4) Generous with my <u>TESTIMONY</u>.

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.

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19

· Sow seeds of GENEROSITY, reap a LEGACY.

They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor. – Psalm 112:9