

BEING RICH—5 RICH TOWARD GOD

- **WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR MONEY AND TIME REVEALS WHAT YOU VALUE IN YOUR HEART.**

DON'T BE RICH IN THE WRONG WAY

... “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ ¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ ²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ ²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:16-21

HOW TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD

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

- **GOD HAS BLESSED ME WITH MORE THAN I NEED. I’M RICH. I WILL NOT TRUST IN RICHES BUT IN HIM WHO RICHLY PROVIDES. BECAUSE I HAVE MORE, I WILL GIVE MORE AND DO MORE.**

- **GOD WANTS YOU TO BE RICH IN GOOD DEEDS.**

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Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 Peter 2:12

- **GOD WANTS YOU TO BE RICH IN GENEROSITY.**

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

- **GOD WANTS YOU TO BE RICH IN RELATIONSHIPS.**

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

TALK IT OVER

- If someone were to look at the way you spend your money and your time, what do you think they would say you value in your heart?
- What does it mean to you to be rich toward God?
- Which of these do you need to focus on: being rich in good deeds, generosity or relationships? What are you going to do about it?