

BEING RICH—2 DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES

- **THE WORLD WANTS YOU TO SERVE MONEY.**

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Matthew 6:24

MONEY PROMISES WHAT ONLY GOD CAN PROVIDE:

- 1) **HAPPINESS**
- 2) **SECURITY**

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. 1 Timothy 6:17-18

- **GOD HAS BLESSED ME WITH MORE THAN I NEED. I'M RICH. I WILL NOT TRUST IN RICHES, BUT IN HIM WHO RICHLY PROVIDES.**

PEOPLE WHO LOVE AND TRUST MONEY

- 1) **NEVER HAVE ENOUGH.**

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income... Ecclesiastes 5:10

The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense; they imagine it to be a high wall of safety. Proverbs 18:11 NLT

- 2) **FIND IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO GIVE BIG.**

In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. 2 Corinthians 8:2-3

- 3) **HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK BUT NO PEACE IN THEIR HEARTS.**

Better a little with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil. Proverbs 15:16

TALK IT OVER

- Are you truly satisfied with your salary and possessions? Why or why not?
- How does the fear of not having enough affect your ability or willingness to give?
- What in your life needs to change in order to trust in God who richly provides instead of trusting in riches?