

DEVOTED

A community living wholeheartedly for Jesus

Series Description

Devoted - what a beautiful word! It speaks of a wholeheartedness, a giving of all of one's love, loyalty and energy to a person or activity, and it's a word used often to describe the lives of those first Jesus-followers in the Bible. Our plan is not only to explore devotion to prayer, to worship, to Jesus, to one another, but to actively shape our life together to make a difference!

Recommended Reading

Crazy Love
Francis Chan

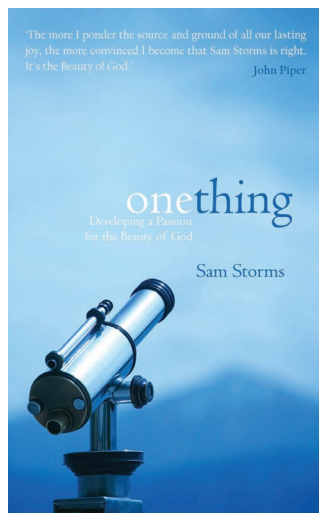
One Thing
Sam Storms

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Title: Devoted to Generosity

Speaker: Marcus Tutt

Bible reference: 1 Tim 6:7-10 17-19

Overview

Paul instructs Timothy, his Apostolic delegate, on “charging” “the rich in this present age” “to be generous.”

The Definition of being rich: 1) Comparatively rich: globally, if your wealth is over £2000 you are in the richest 10% - 2) Comfortably rich: You are not choosing between eating and heating.

You may be richer than you thought! But even if you still consider yourself poor, this passage reveals to us all a God who is gloriously rich and generous.

The Dangers of being rich: 1) Riches lie to us about our identity - 2) Riches masquerade as a counterfeit savior

Riches hide our identity as sinners in need of a savior and as sons of God whose value is revealed in the Cross of Christ. We need a saviour who can save us not just from temporal difficulties in this age but for the age to come.

The Duties of being rich: 1) Be generous! - 2) and in so doing, lay up a foundation for the future (the eternal age)

As we give away to those in need, we shine out God's generosity, avoid the pitfalls of riches, and join in with God's joy in giving. We can also mark out heavenly real estate in the age to come for an eternal joy in God. (ie not just enjoying temporal blessings now, but expanding our capacity to enjoy the infinite goodness of God for ever).

Response (SOUL)

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

S = Scripture - Read it, what does it say?

O = Observe - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

U = Understand - What truth does God want you to learn?

L = Live - What would it look like to apply this to your life?

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