

Be Rich—Unleashing Compassion Unleashing Love

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1 Timothy 6:17-18 - 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**.

- Wealth can cause Christ followers to get **distracted** from God's priorities.

As Christ Followers:

1. We receive a new _____ of seeing people.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 - **So from now on** we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2. We receive a new _____ of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 - All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave** us the ministry of **reconciliation**: ¹⁹ that God was **reconciling** the world to himself **in Christ**, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of **reconciliation**.

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3. We are appointed to _____ Jesus and His Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 5:20 - We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be **reconciled** to God.

John 20:21 - Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Ephesians 6:19-20 - Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Key thought:

Why do we have the duty and privilege to **unleash** his love?

2 Corinthians 5:21 - God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Impeccability: Jesus had no sin.

Substitute: Jesus took your place.

Imputed: We received Jesus' righteousness to our account.

Mark 15:34 - And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

- Because of the _____.

2 Corinthians 5:14 - For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

When you get that Jesus died on the cross for your sin and in your place, it changes how you address the broken, marginalized, and hurting. It compels us to unleash his love.

2 Corinthians 5:15 - And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for **themselves** but **for him** who died for them and was raised again.