



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. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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

1) The good news is: You are RICH! (Ecc. 5:19)

- If you're going to be good at being RICH, you have to first ADMIT you are.

“God has blessed me with MORE than I need. I'm RICH.”

2) *The bad news is:* You are RICH! (Luke 18:24-25)

THE PROBLEMS WITH BEING RICH

- It is harder for you to depend on GOD.
- It distracts you from true PRIORITIES.
- You have a greater RESPONSIBILITY.

Questions For Conversation:

- 1) What is the most important lesson about money that you learned growing up?
- 2) If you earn \$35,000 a year, you are in the top 4% of wage earners in the world (if you earn \$55,000 you are in the top .4%). How does that change your perspective about being rich?
- 3) How would you describe the health of your relationship with money? Why?
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- 4) We addressed three problems for the rich. Which is the greatest challenge for you? Why?
 - a. It is harder for the rich to trust God.
 - b. It distracts us from true priorities.
 - c. You have a greater responsibility.