

**BE RICH**  
(4) Rich Toward God

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**GOOD NEWS... YOU'RE RICH!**

**BAD NEWS... YOU'RE RICH!**

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**~ DECEITFULNESS IN RICHES ~**

**~ THE MIGRATION OF HOPE ~**

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**17 Command** those who are rich (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...

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**WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU PUT YOUR "HOPE" IN THE PROVISION...  
WHEN YOU CAN PUT YOUR "HOPE" IN THE PROVIDER...?**

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**~ PRE-DECIDE ~**

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**"I HAVE A RICH PERSON PROBLEM!"**

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**1 Timothy 6:17a...**

Command those who are rich in this present world...

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Command those who are rich in this **PRESENT WORLD**...

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**THERE'S MORE TO THIS LIFE... THAN THIS LIFE!**

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

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**1 Timothy 6:18-19...**

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...**

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*In this way... they will lay up treasure for themselves... as a firm foundation for...*

**the coming age...**

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Whenever **JESUS** would talk about **MONEY**... He would connect it to **ETERNITY!**

*"If you will view your **WEALTH** through the **LENS OF ETERNITY**...  
You will **LOSE YOUR GRIP ON IT**... and **IT WILL LOSE ITS GRIP ON YOU!**"*

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**Luke 12:16-21...**

And he told them this parable: "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.

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The **Problem** with his **ASSUMPTION**...

**"I'LL SAVE IT NOW... AND I'LL CONSUME IT LATER!"**

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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."

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20 "But God said to him, 'You **FOOL!**

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'You **FOOL!** This very night **your life** will be **demanded from you**.

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Then **who** will get what you have prepared for **yourself?**'

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And the **ANSWER** is... **SOMEBODY ELSE!**

**BUT NOT BECAUSE HE WAS GENEROUS... BECAUSE HE WAS DEAD!**

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**WE DON'T GET CREDIT FOR WHAT WE... LEAVE!**

**WE ONLY GET CREDIT FOR WHAT WE... GIVE!**

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21 **"This is how it will be...**

**"This is how it will be... with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."**

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**Luke 12:33-34... Sell your possessions...**

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**...give to the poor.**

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*Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail where no thief comes near and no moth destroys...*

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**34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

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**1 Timothy 6:19...**

**In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age...**

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*Better Question...*

**DO YOU HAVE A GIVING PLAN?**

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*The 3-S Giving Plan...*

- 1. SPONTANEOUSLY**
  - 2. SPORADICALLY**
  - 3. SPARINGLY**
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*The 3-P Giving Plan...*

**1. PRIORITY**

**2. PERCENTAGE**

**3. PROGRESSIVE**

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