



Be Generous!

Matthew 6:24-11 *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.”*

Foundational Truths:

1. God owns **EVERYTHING**.
2. This earth is not our **HOME**.
3. It is not how **MUCH** we have, it is what we **DO** with what we have.
4. If our annual income is **\$32,400** or more, we are in the top **1%** of income earners in the world... Very rich!

Three Challenges Of Being Rich...

1. Rich people confuse **BEING** rich with **FEELING** rich – *margin*.
2. Rich people are often plagued by **DISCONTENTMENT**.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 *“But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs”.*

3. Rich people suffer from **MIGRATION OF FAITH (POSSESSED by our POSSESSIONS)**.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 *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. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In 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.*

- Why would we even consider putting our trust in riches when we can put our trust in the One who richly provides? We are **BLESSED** to be a **BLESSING**.

Parable Of The Rich Fool

Luke 12:16-21 *And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He 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. ¹⁹And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” ²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’” ²¹“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”*

- Beware of **CONSUMPTION ASSUMPTION** – the idea that everything we have is for us and us alone to consume.
- Be M. A. D. (**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**) – We are to use our **WORLDLY WEALTH** and **POSSESSIONS** to make a difference for eternity.

For New Life:

- How are you going to make a difference for eternity?
- When are you going to make a difference?
- Ask God what He wants you to do, and do it soon!

Proverbs 11:24-25 *One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*