



## How To Be Rich

1 Timothy 6:17-19

1. Do you own anything that you think falls into the “rich people have this” category? What is something in your life that makes you feel rich even though it has little or no monetary value?

In the first part of verse 17, Paul tells the “rich people” what NOT to do.

2. Is Paul saying that having wealth is automatically a bad thing? How have you seen wealth be a very good thing in someone’s life?
3. Why do you think having wealth so often leads to arrogance? What does that arrogance look like in a person’s life?
4. What does it mean to “put your hope in wealth”? Is that different than being comfortable with the income and resources you have? Explain.
5. How can we foster humility and dependence on God in our lives regardless of how much wealth we have?

Paul continues by telling these rich people what they should do.

Put \_\_\_\_\_

Do \_\_\_\_\_

Be \_\_\_\_\_

6. Does anything surprise you in these commands? What do you think it means that God “richly provides everything for our enjoyment”? In what way(s) are these commands at odds with our culture and society today? In what way(s) are they in sync?
  
7. Usually, we can tell when someone has money (nice clothes, cars, home, etc.). What do you think are the markers of someone who is “rich in good deeds”? How can we elevate this kind of wealth (good deeds) in our life, this group, our church?
  
8. Why do you think our level of generosity is important to God? How has God expressed generosity to us? What impact does being generous create in our own lives? Have you been blessed by someone else’s generosity? How did that impact you?

Verse 19 tells us that God’s view of riches will not only benefit us in this life, it will stockpile riches for us in the next life and we will find a truly fulfilling life.

- Where is your hope and trust? Have you kept God at the center or have you begun to lean too much on your income and resources for your sense of security?
  
- If we could read your level of good deeds and generosity like a stock market chart, would they be moving higher, running flat, or dipping down? If they are flat or dipping, why do you think that is? What can you do to get those markers moving higher this week?

### **Going Deeper - passages you can explore to dig deeper into the topic**

Luke 12:13-21 - What does Jesus’ parable teach us about focusing too much on building wealth in this life?

Ephesians 1:3-10 - Do you value and strive for the spiritual blessings in Jesus as much as you pursue wealth and success in this life?

Matthew 6:19-24 - What does Jesus say about the danger of dividing our loyalty between Him and riches?