



# HOW TO BE RICH (TOWARDS GOD)

Jesus taught, how we handle money, possessions, and power reveal a lot about what's going on in our hearts. We proposed "rich toward God" as the alternative to being rich on accumulating earthly riches. It's more than an idea, it's a way of life. Here's how to be rich toward God.



## 1. BE FAITHFUL

Read: Malachi 3

We value faithfulness in all relationships, and there's just about nothing that can bring us lower than unfaithfulness in a relationship. Sometimes in life we forget the depth of God's faithfulness to us. In Malachi, God stirs the hearts of His people, so that their faithfulness would mirror His. Since heart and treasure travel together, let's entrust our material resources to God where our heart belongs.



## 2. BE WISE

Read: Proverbs 10:22

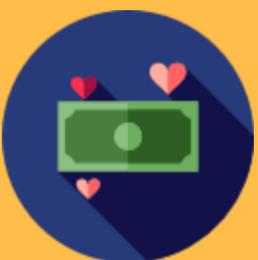
Money has the potential to wreak havoc on our lives. It also has the potential to unlock opportunities for spreading the gospel. That's why we need wisdom when it comes to managing our finances. In the book of Proverbs, we learn how to think about and manage the money God has given us.



## 3. BE HUMBLE

Read: 2 Samuel 7:1-23

When our identity and our security are wound up in our bank accounts, they can easily take hold of our hearts as well. In 2 Samuel 7, we learn that being "rich toward God" is built on three things: Awareness that God Does Not Need Us (or anything we have), on the Belief that We Need God (and everything He can do), and on the Confidence that God is Doing Greater Things than we realize and desiring to be a part of those things.



## 4. BE GENEROUS

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

When we hear words like tithe, giving, or offering, it can easily evoke emotions or memories of rigid or reluctant giving. True generosity, however, is about our hearts. God's generous giving should lead to our gratitude and expressed by our generous giving. In 2 Corinthians 8, we find an unlikely example of overflowing, abundant, heart-giving.

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