

BEING RICH

Good news, Bad news

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Introduction:

- Dreaming of being rich?
- How we handle money affects our whole life

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 NLT

Being Rich

1. The Good news: You are rich

- **Top 1% - \$34,000 per person annually**
- **God has blessed me with more than I need - I am rich**

And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 NLT

2. The Bad news: You are rich

- It's harder to depend on God
- It distracts from true priorities
- You have a greater responsibility

²⁴ When Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God! ²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" **Luke 18:24-25 NLT**

"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.

Matthew 6:24 NLT

When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.

Luke 12:48 NLT

Next Steps:

- Memorize the theme verse, 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Attend the rest of the series (4 more weeks)
- Commit to accept my lot in life including the wealth that the Lord has given me
- Commit to handle my "riches" by putting my trust in God and using my money responsibly
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