

BEING RICH

Rich in Good Deeds

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Being Rich in What Matters Most

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

1. Our motivation to do good

- Good deeds fight the pull that riches have on our hearts
- We are not saved by good works but saved for good works

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT

2. Doing Good Deeds

- Should point to God not me
- Should help others in the way they need it not in the way I want to give it
- Not just alone, but serving together

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. **Matthew 5:14-16** NLT

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you.

Matthew 7:12 NLT

If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles.

Matthew 5:41 NLT

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...

Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

Next Steps:

- Memorize the theme verse, 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- I commit to be rich in good deeds: _____
- I will find a place to serve in the church and complete the "Opportunities to Serve" form
- When I serve, I will give the honor to God
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