

# BEING RICH

## Side Effects of Riches

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Dave Michel

Stepping Stones Community Church

### Being Rich

#### 1. Riches have side effects

- Rich people live in denial
- Rich people are plagued by discontentment

#### 2. Riches promise what only God can provide

- Happiness
- Security
- Contentment

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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**

“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**

#### 3. Dangers of being rich:

- Never have enough
- Find it increasingly difficult to give big
- Their hearts are pulled away from God

*Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!*

**Ecclesiastes 5:10 NLT**

*The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense; they imagine it to be a high wall of safety.* **Proverbs 18:11 NLT**

<sup>7</sup> O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die. <sup>8</sup> First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. <sup>9</sup> For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?” And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God’s holy name.

**Proverbs 30:7-9 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- Memorize the theme verse, 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Examine my heart to see where I put my trust in life (15-30 minutes in prayer)
- Starve my appetite for \_\_\_\_\_
- Feed my appetite for God by \_\_\_\_\_
- Find contentment in God and what he has provided for me in life
- \_\_\_\_\_