

BEING RICH

Diversify our Riches

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Rich Giving

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. Give strategically

- Give to God first
- Pre-decide where you will give and what percentage

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT

2. Lessons from "Rich Barn Guy"

- Save it now, consume it later - No
- We don't get credit for what we leave, we get credit for what we give

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' ¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' ²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God..." ³³ *Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.* ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:16-21, 33-34 NIV

3. Be a "3P" giver

- Priority (pre-decide)
- Percentage
- Progressive

Next Steps:

- Memorize the theme verse, 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- Commit to be a rich giver: _____
- I will be a "3P" giver and plan for my giving
- As Jesus taught, I commit to not use all of my money/wealth for myself, but invest in God's Kingdom
- _____