

HOW TO BE RICH

Why God Made Us Rich

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1. The starting point is admitting you're rich!
2. Realize money has _____ to destroy you or transform you.

It's all in knowing how to be rich in ways that will honor God and bless others and you

God's Character

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. Deuteronomy 8:18

...the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Psalm 68:35

To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. Ecclesiastes 2:26

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." Acts 14:17

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8:32

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You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11

The Lesson

“I am rich. Because I have _____, I will _____ more.”

How do I Learn to Give More?

We must learn to become _____ givers.

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

3 Ways to Develop Intentional Giving

1. Intentionally give to God what _____.

“Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. Malachi 3:8-10

God uses the tithe to build our _____ and to build His character in us.

2. Give _____!

The Israelites generously gave the firstfruits of their grain, new wine, oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything. 2 Chronicles 31:5

By giving first we are reprioritizing our life around _____

3. Have a _____ to give more

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7

“I am rich. Because I have more, I will give more.”

Daily Growth:

These daily devotions are offered to help you grow stronger in your relationship with Jesus as you go further in studying the topic from Sunday's message.

Use the "4 C" questions below to study and apply the scripture. Be sure to finish your study with a time of prayer.

The 4 C Questions

CELEBRATE: What can you praise God for from this passage?

CONFESS: Does this passage convict you of something you need to confess to God?

COMMIT: What commitment does this passage challenge you to make?

COMMUNICATE: What did you learn that you could share with someone else?

Day 1: From the message notes, read the list of scriptures that are under the heading of "God's Character". Do you believe that God has provided your wealth? What else do these verses say God has given to you? For what reasons do you believe God has been so generous to you? As a follower of Jesus, and as someone created in the image of God, how do you respond to these truths? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 2: Read Matthew 25:14-30. This is a parable about the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 25:1). The kingdom of heaven refers to people who have been saved and have put themselves under God's authority. Who did the money belong to? What does it mean to have money entrusted to you? What did the master expect? How did the servants treat the money? What were the results? What does this passage teach us about how God wants to use money as a tool for building our relationship with Him? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 3: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-9. Paul states an obvious truth about farming, but applies it to giving. Do you think the analogy applies to giving? What reason does Paul give to support the truth of this analogy? Do you believe it to be

true? Do your actions show that you believe it to be true? What would you have to believe in order to truly give cheerfully? What is God saying to you (use the “4 C” questions)?

Day 4: Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11. These are simple verses that are packed with a lot of powerful truths. What do they say about what God does for us? How we to respond to God’s actions and what will be our motivation? If we follow these instructions, what will the result be and is this result important to you? What will you do to apply the truth of these verses? What is God saying to you (use the “4 C” questions)?

Day 5: Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15. What are the results of generosity and which result means the most to you? In vs. 13 it says that by giving you “proved yourselves” (NIV). What does that mean? What is the connection between giving and our confession of faith in Jesus? Can our generosity lead people to believe in Jesus? If so, how? What is God saying to you (use the “4 C” questions)?

Day 6 Read Deuteronomy 26:1-11. The giving of the offering as explained in this passage was a solemn ceremony with a prescribed ritual. What do you think was the importance of going through this ritual? How did it relate to their giving? The “firstfruits” were literally the first products of their harvest. Why do you think they were to give their “firstfruits,” what meaning would that have to them? How might this apply to your own giving and generosity? What is God saying to you (use the “4 C” questions)?