

How to Be Good & Rich

It is not bad to be rich, but so many are bad at being rich. It takes intention and wisdom to know how to be good and rich, so for four weeks we will be exploring the truths in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 to grow as faithful and joyful stewards. Not only can we use our wealth to bless others, but through generosity we can bless ourselves by taking hold of the life that is truly life!

Week 3: Embrace Generosity

1. Share about someone who modeled generosity to you (even if they were not wealthy but lived generously). How did their example impact you? Follow up: **Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19**. What is something you're learning from this passage that is helping you to be good & rich?
2. **JESUS WAS!** *Jesus always responded to legitimate needs in concrete ways.* **Read Acts 10:38**. What resonates with you from that description of Jesus? What examples from his life stand out the most to you in this regard? Follow up: Jesus once said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (**Acts 20:35**). How have you experienced that to be true in your life?
3. **So when Jesus leads generosity follows.** **Read Acts 2:44-45**. What stands out to you from how the first followers of Jesus were committed to generosity? Follow up: **If you want to be good and rich, you must bless others with your wealth.** What can we do to better support each other to have a stronger commitment to generosity?
4. **GENEROSITY IS a demonstration of faith.** *To live a generous life, one has to answer the question, "Can I really trust God? Is He worthy of my hope?"* How does the way you answer those questions affect your ability or willingness to give? Follow up: **Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-8**. What does this passage tell us about the relationship between generosity and faith?
5. **GENEROSITY IS a declaration of hope.** **Read 2 Corinthians 9:10**. What does God provide and how should that impact the way you give? Follow up: Share some practical examples of how our generosity can give the world a glimpse of heaven coming to earth.
6. **GENEROSITY IS a determination to love.** *We are blessed to be a blessing.* Describe a time when you gave something to bless someone else and in return you were also blessed. Follow up: **Read 1 John 3:17 and Galatians 6:10**. How do these verses convict or challenge you? What's one good deed you can do this week to help someone else?
7. *Money cannot buy happiness, but generosity sure can bring joy.* Share a story of how generosity has brought you joy. Follow up: **Where my money leads my heart follows.** **Read Matthew 6:1**. What is one change you need to make in your life in order to become more intentional or generous in the way you live and give?

