

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 4: Contemplate Eternity

1. Respond to this question that Rick began with, *“How would your view of wealth change if you knew your death was imminent?”* Follow up: **Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19** together as a group and then share one thing that has resonated with you the most from these verses.
2. **A CRITICAL PERSPECTIVE: Enjoy it “in the present world.”** *Like any good parent, the Father enjoys His children enjoying His blessings.* **Read Ecclesiastes 5:19.** How does it make you feel to know you are to enjoy what God has richly provided you with? Follow up: Share an example of how you’ve recently enjoyed a gift God has blessed you with.
3. **A CRITICAL PERSPECTIVE: Employ it “for the coming age.”** *Rich Christians need to learn how to do financial planning for the next life.* **Read 1 Timothy 6:7.** How does knowing you can’t take it with you change your perspective on how you use it today? Follow up: **If you want to be good and rich, you must influence eternity with your wealth.** Share some examples of people you know who do this well. How has that impacted you?
4. **A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE: Your use of money will not get you into heaven.** Why is it important to remember that even though your generosity gets heaven’s attention, it does not earn heaven’s admission? Follow up: **Read Matthew 25:34.** What is significant about how Jesus uses the word inheritance in this parable? How should that motivate us?
5. **A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE: Your use of money can keep you out of heaven.** When you think about the rich fool in **Luke 12:13-21** & the rich man in **Luke 16:19-31** what was the main thing they were accused of doing? Follow up: When have you been tempted to do the same? What is something that has helped you to experience freedom from this?
6. **A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE: Your use of money can help others get to heaven.** Share some examples of how you’ve seen the use of money help someone else make the decision to follow Jesus. What is something you can do differently to focus on this more?
7. **Read Matthew 19:28-29.** How do these words from Jesus encourage you to **“Be bullish on the kingdom of God!”** in practical ways today? What’s the one thing that stood out to you most from this series? How will it help you be good & rich in the things that matter most?

