

How To Be Rich: Lessons in Generosity

1: Side Effects

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Tell those who have the riches of this world not to be arrogant and not to place their confidence in anything as uncertain as riches. Instead, they should place their confidence in God who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.
1 Timothy 6:17

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 Cor. 9:11

If you make \$48,000 or more a year, you are in the top 1% of the wage earners in the world.

Generous giving >>> generous living

Remember this: The farmer who plants a few seeds will have a very small harvest. But the farmer who plants because he has received God's blessings will receive a harvest of God's blessings in return. Each of you should give whatever you have decided. You shouldn't be sorry that you gave or feel forced to give, since God loves a cheerful giver. Besides, God will give you his constantly overflowing kindness. Then, when you always have everything you need, you can do more and more good things. Scripture says, "The person with God's approval gives freely to the poor. The things he does with God's approval continue forever." God gives seed to the farmer and food to those who need to eat. God will also give you seed and multiply it. In your lives he will increase the things you do that have his approval....God will make you rich enough so that you can always be generous. Your generosity will produce thanksgiving to God because of us... What you do to serve others not only provides for the needs of God's people, but also produces more and more prayers of thanksgiving to God. You will honour God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity in sharing with them and everyone else. 2 Corinthians 9:6-13

Side Effects

1. Rich people confuse BEING rich with FEELING rich.
 - One of the keys to feeling rich is MARGIN.
2. Rich people are plagued by DISCONTENT.
 - The more a person HAS, the more they WANT.
3. Rich people often suffer from the MIGRATION of HOPE.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Isn't there more to life than food and more to the body than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky: They do not sow, or reap, or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you more valuable than they are? And which of you by worrying can add even one hour to his life? Why do you worry about clothing? Think about how the flowers of the field grow; they do not work or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these! And if this is how God clothes the wild grass, which is here today and tomorrow is tossed into the fire to heat the oven, won't he clothe you even more, you people of little faith? So then, don't worry saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For the non-believers pursue these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But above all pursue his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So then, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Today has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:25-34



The antidote: GENEROSITY

We Need To

Resist the urge to compare ourselves to others

Think correctly about our stuff and be content in what we have

Use generously what we do have to help others who have need, without judgement or measure

Guard what pulls at our heart, captures our thoughts and glistens to our eyes

Love Generosity Gratitude