

How To Be Rich: Lessons in Generosity

3: Dollar Cost Living

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Declaration: “I will not place my trust in riches, but in Him who richly provides.”

How to Trust

1 Timothy 6:17-19 - *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

1. Do good.

Not BE good but DO good.

2. Be rich in good deeds.

Be an above-average do-gooder.

Those of us who have extra, have extra opportunity and responsibility to do good.

3. Be generous and willing to share.

The more money people make, the less generous they are.

God is interested in percentage, not amount.

How Much

Mark 12:41-44 - *Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”*

In the kingdom of heaven it's about the percentage given, not the amount given.

Percentage Living, Percentage Giving

Rich people should give larger sums AND higher percentages.

Choose a percentage to give, to save, and to live on.

God evaluates based on the ratio of income to giving, saving, and spending.

Pre-Decide

Pre-decide the percentage to give, save and live on.

Give first - so you don't give leftovers.

Pre-decide what you will give AND how you will serve.

When you give and serve, it will capture your heart.



The Big Give

The challenge: every person who has any income earning potential gives \$39.95.
So we can bless some agencies and demonstrate generosity to them.

What Could Happen

God will certainly provide for you.
Giving will redirect your heart.
The reputation of the church will change.
God will honour our faith and do something extraordinary.