

How To Be Rich: Lessons in Generosity

4: Diversify

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

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.

Jesus: “Great is your reward in heaven.”

The context for all I have in this life is the life to come.

Luke 12:16–21

He told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Rich Toward God

How I treat you is a reflection of how I love God.

“Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

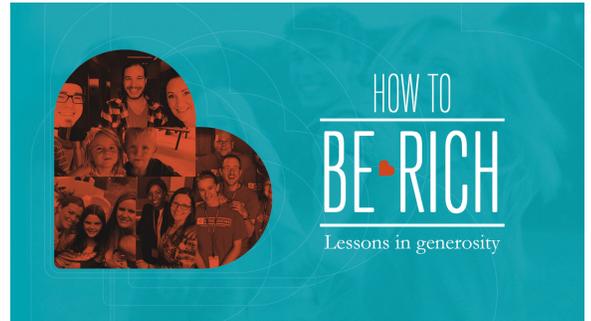
In addition to your savings plan and your spending habits, you need a giving strategy.

3S Giving

Spontaneous
Sporadic
Sparing

3P Giving

Priority
Percentage
Progressive



Application

1. Do your possessions possess you?
2. Has your hope migrated?
3. Systematic generosity prevents this.
4. Generosity makes you a manager of rather than a slave to.
5. It will explode your faith in God and your intimacy with Him.

Viewing wealth through the lens of eternity loosens our grip on it and its grip on us.