



PART 1: NOW OR NEVER

INTRODUCTION

Chances are good that if you're reading this, you're in the 1% club. By international standards, you're rich! Of course, you may not feel rich, but the truth is it's time to start giving while you're living because what you're holding is molding! This month we're going to encourage each other to Be Rich by being extravagantly generous. After all, our extravagant generosity toward others is the most appropriate response to God's extravagant generosity toward us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What or who would you give generously to if you had unlimited funds? Why would you choose that particular person or organization?
2. Most of us don't feel rich for two reasons: We have no margin and we know what everybody else has.
 - If you knew with certainty you would never have more margin than you do right now, how would it change the way you live and give?
 - When you compare yourself to someone who's "rich," what stands out to you as an opportunity they have that you don't?
 - When you compare yourself to the 99% of the world you are more rich than, what stands out to you as an opportunity you have that they don't?
3. **Read James 5:1–6.**
If James were a prosecuting attorney, what would be on his list of charges against the rich?

What do you think James would say today if we could ask him, "So, what do you want us to do?"
4. It's easy to falsely believe that rich people are more loved by God. What if, instead, we saw them as more responsible? What responsibility would you take on if you believed your wealth was given to you for the purpose of loving others?
5. Our devotion to God is demonstrated and authenticated by our love for others. What are you tempted to believe authenticates your love for God instead? What specific person or organization do you think gives you the opportunity to demonstrate the kind of love you're called to?
6. Imagine the conversation among your family as they clean your belongings out of your house one day. What do you want them to say about how you spent your possessions and your money? What do you hope they don't say? What can you do now to lay a foundation for the kind of legacy you want to leave?

MOVING FORWARD

Be Rich is our month-long generosity campaign when we remind our communities that everybody matters to God, whether God matters to them or not! Join us as we partner with some fabulous nonprofit organizations meeting critical needs in each of our communities. While some people are talking about problems, you can be part of the solution.

Visit berich.org to participate all month long in this incredible giving initiative.