



Be Rich :: Confessions of a Fixer **{Andy Stanley}**

INTRODUCTION

There are a myriad of reasons why people choose to give to charitable organizations. They want to make a difference in others' lives. They want to fix a set of problems or resolve an unfortunate situation. They appreciate the tax breaks that accompany charitable giving. And while these are all valid and noble reasons to give, is there a different motivating factor for Christians? In other words, are Christians called to be *fixers*—or *followers*?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What thoughts go through your mind when someone approaches you on the street asking for money or a handout?
2. How are you currently practicing charitable generosity? Are you giving as a result of guilt? Gratitude?
3. Are you a *fixer*? When you experience a problem in someone else's life, are you tempted to fix it? How is this mentality of *fixing* reflected in your approach to giving?
4. Read Luke 6:27-31. Of all the commands listed in those verses, which is the most difficult principle for you to follow?
5. Read Luke 6:32-36. How does the last verse in that passage help you understand what your heavenly Father has done for you?
6. How does it change your approach to giving knowing that Christians are not called to be *fixers*, but *followers*, of God's generosity modeled for us in Christ?

MOVING FORWARD

God did not pour out his love for this world because he was sure it would “work.” Many people are still a mess, ungrateful, and unresponsive to God's generosity. Yet his gift of grace and love wasn't contingent on whether we could pay him back or not. As a result, while we trust that God will use our gifts, monies, and talents to impact others' lives, the goal is not to fix anything or anybody. The goal is not to make the poor not poor or the needy not needy. The goal is for followers of Christ to do for others what has been done for them.

How can you incorporate *Be Rich. Do More. Give More.* into your life this season?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36