

HOW TO BE RICH, Part 1: Good for Nothing

INTRODUCTION

One thing about being a large church is we can make a large difference. When we come together, when we're generous, we can change our communities and the world. This year with our seven Atlanta-area churches and fifteen partner churches, we intend to make a big difference.

We have the potential to create our reputation in the minds of those who do not share our beliefs. We want them to look at us and say, *"Those are the most generous, compassionate, and competent people I know. It seems as if they genuinely want something for us rather than something from us. I wouldn't necessarily want to be one, but I'm glad they are in our community."*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when someone was generous to you with their money, time, or influence. How did that person's generosity affect you?
2. Do you tend to think of Christians and the church as being generous? Why or why not?
3. How could being generous to others change peoples' perceptions of Christians and the church?
4. Why do we hesitate to give to others even though we have more than we need?
5. Is there a charity or particular group of people in need that is near and dear to your heart? If so, talk about why you feel a burden to help that charity or group.
6. What can you do this week to be rich toward others? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Does our generosity make a difference? Does it do any good? God didn't pour out his love for us because it would "work." Look at us. It still hasn't completely worked. We're still a mess.

We aren't doing Be Rich because it will "work." We aren't doing it expecting anything in return. We're doing it because in some small way it reflects what God did for us. So let's Be Rich. Let's do more and give more than ever before.

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CHANGING YOUR MIND

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.

1 Timothy 6:17-18

