



How To Be Rich - Part 2 :: *Daddy's Money* :: Andy Stanley

INTRODUCTION

In our affluent society, the excesses of wealth are out in full display. As a result, we don't usually think of ourselves as rich, because there is always someone who has more. But the truth is, if we have more than we need, then we are rich. And as those who are rich, we have certain temptations that are specific to us. In this session, we'll discuss a passage written directly to rich people and the subtle temptation that it addresses.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Timothy 6:17. How does money lead people to become arrogant? How have you seen signs of arrogance in your life because of money (e.g., you think you are smarter or more important than other people)?
2. Read Proverbs 18:11. Why are we tempted to put our hope in wealth?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10. Why is it foolish to put our hope in wealth?
4. When have you seen the uncertainty of wealth?
5. Read Matthew 6:24. How does it affect us when we put our hope in wealth?
6. What does it look like to put our hope in God?
7. Do you normally think of God as the one who has richly provided you with everything you need? Or do you think of yourself as the provider? What difference does it make when you acknowledge God as the source of everything that you have?

THINK ABOUT IT

Are you leaning on your money, or are you leaning on God? Answer these four diagnostic questions to determine where you've placed your trust.

1. Which of these statements creates the most anxiety for you:
 - a. There is no God.
 - b. There is no money in the bank.
2. Does your lifestyle/debt impede your ability to give?
3. Does fear of not having enough impede your giving?
4. Do you have money in the bank, but no peace in your heart?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

How can you remind yourself this week that it is God who has richly provided you with everything that you need? How can you remind yourself to put your trust in him?

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. 1 Timothy 6:17

