

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE RICH?

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1st Timothy 6:17-19

What does it mean to be rich? Many reduce being rich to having money. However, being rich goes beyond money. Being rich is relegated to one word, **ABUNDANCE!**

Whatever area you're abundant in that's where you're rich. Abundance is an **OVERLY** sufficient quantity or supply. You can be rich in knowledge, wisdom, finances, resources, relationships, etc. When you have **MORE** than you can handle or need you are rich.

THE PROOF OF BEING RICH IS HAVING THE ABILITY TO GIVE TO OTHERS WHILE HAVING MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR YOURSELF.

Only limited minded people reduce being rich to have lots of money. It is far broader than that. When you are rich you have a responsibility per the Kingdom of God. Honoring that responsibility will stabilize your future. The scripture below justifies this statement.

1st Timothy 6:17-19 says, "Command those who are rich with things of this world not to be proud. Tell them to hope in God, not in their uncertain riches. God richly gives us everything to enjoy.

Tell the rich people to do good, to be rich in doing good deeds, to be generous and ready to share. By doing that, they will be saving a treasure for themselves as a strong foundation for the future. Then they will be able to have the life that is true life."

GOOD DEEDS

In the scripture the Lord commands rich people to be rich in good deeds, **NOT** in possessions. Having an

abundance of possessions does not please God. What you do with those possessions is what pleases God.

In the Kingdom of God, a righteous rich person is one who **GIVES** abundantly, not who hoards abundantly. The philosophy of the world teaches us to save and hoard for yourself.

This message leads to destruction. If you hoard for yourself all you will ever have is what you attained. However, if you share what you have with others you will **GET MORE** than you attained.

When you have more than enough to give away it is your responsibility to be rich in doing **GOOD DEEDS**. Good deeds are things that are done, performed or accomplished under good merit. Such as, feeding the poor, helping the helpless, giving hope to the hopeless and being a light in a dark place.

When you have more than enough your wealth needs to have a purpose. Your wealth needs an assignment. Your wealth needs to make a difference. Doing good deeds gives your money a purpose!

YOU ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING

Carnal people think the more they give, the more they lose. Kingdom citizens believe the more they give, the more they will gain. The scripture above says it clearly, *"that by giving generously they will be saving a treasure for themselves."*

Generous rich people will never be poor because more will be added unto them. **THE MORE YOU GIVE THE MORE YOU WILL GET BACK.** Your future is already determined.

You do not need a five year plan. All you need to do is honor the laws of the Kingdom and your future will be prepared for you.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BE GENEROUS WITH
YOUR RICHES TODAY YOU WILL NEVER BE
POOR IN THE FUTURE.

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