



Wealthy

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Q—How rich are you?

Sermon in a Sentence: I will not trust in riches but in him who richly provides.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant...

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

How we can be good at being rich:

⇒ **Our _____-worth is not our net-worth.**

"You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked." Revelation 3:17 (NIV)

The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7b (NLT)

⇒ **Putting our hope in " _____ " not in "what."**

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

⇒ **It's not about how much you have, but what _____ you do with what you have.**

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:18 (NIV)

Luke 12:16-21 (NIV)

In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:19 (NIV)

Q—How am I going to spend my life?

ANSWER KEY: self, Who, good



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: The Challenge of Being Blessed in Abundance

Share Together: When have you been surprised by a blessing you received, and what were the results?

Look back together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message?

Read Together: Luke 12:13-21

Discuss Together:

- What do you suspect was the man in the crowd's motive for what he asked of Jesus? Why did Jesus react the way he did?
- Jesus seems to indicate that there are different kinds of greed (or different ways in which greed plays itself out). What are some forms of greed you've observed or you would admit you have given into?
- In verse 15 Jesus says, "a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." If that is the case, what should life consist of?
- The rich man faced a dilemma, of what to do with his bumper crop. How can having an abundance be a challenge to us today?
- What does the rich man do with his excess? How is this typical of our culture today, and how can we be tempted to respond the same way?
- Why is the "eat, drink and be merry" attitude wrong, according to Jesus?
- Why does Jesus call the man in this story a "fool"? How is this warning us about being accountable before God for what he has given us?
- Is it wrong to store up? What should our motive and action be with the abundance God has given us?
- How can we be rich toward God?
- How are you personally challenged by this story today? What is a change in either action or attitude that you are willing to ask God's help for, that you can commit to this week?

Pray Together: Take time to share the good things God is doing in your life, as well as prayer requests you have.