

You're Richer than You Think: Part 1

Joy: 1 Timothy 6:17

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to ENJOY. (1 Timothy 6:17, ESV)

What leads to the maximum enjoyment of our wealth?

1. Rich is _____

“No one is rich, but everyone knows someone who is rich.” –Andy Stanley

2. Money is a great _____ but a cruel _____.

The status symbol of God's Kingdom is humble service.

2 of the most dangerous pitfalls in our approach to wealth are:

A)

B)

3. You'll never really enjoy the things God gives you until you enjoy Him more.

Application:

The expression of true hope is _____ that spills over into _____.

(Matthew 13:44, Psalm 16:7-9; 37:3-6; 63:1-7)

The key to enjoying anything to its max is to understand:

Joy is the expression of hope fulfilled in Jesus.

Life Group Questions

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Review Sunday's teaching. Write down all of your observations, questions and comments. Read Psalm 63:1-7 and Matthew 13:44. What do these passages say about what our excitement level should be towards God and His kingdom? Write down your ideas.

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Do you ever think of yourself as rich? Why or why not? What are the predominant feelings that you have towards the money and stuff that you have? Are they primarily negative or positive emotions?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17. What does Paul mean by being haughty and setting hopes on the uncertainty of riches? In what ways can you see these dangers manifesting in your own life and in our culture? Compare Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:19-34. What are some of the negative emotions associated with trusting wealth? Read Matthew 13:44. How can the excitement of God's kingdom help us overcome our struggles with money?

How does Jesus counteract trusting in worldly wealth? Especially examine verses 32-33. What do these verses tell you about God and His character? How do these verses change the way that you look at your money?

Back to 1 Timothy 6:17. How do we set our hopes on God rather than in worldly wealth? Define what it means to set your 'hopes' on something and then brainstorm ways in which you can practically place your hope in God.

Finally, as you pray together, start by praising God for who He is. Use 1 Timothy 6:13-16 for some pictures of what God is like. Frame your thoughts and prayers about your own view of your wealth in terms of God's character revealed in these verses.