

# The Deceitfulness of Riches

## How to Be Rich: Part 1

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*Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy.*

*Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good reserve for the age to come, so that they may take hold of life that is real.*

1 Timothy 6:17-18

*God has also given riches and wealth to every man, and He has allowed him to enjoy them, take his reward and rejoice in his labor. This is a gift from God...*

Ecclesiastes 5:19-20a

**“Rich” is a \_\_\_\_\_ target.**

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*“How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”*

*Those who heard this asked, “Then who can be saved?”*

*He replied, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.”*

Luke 18:24-27

## THREE PROBLEMS WE FACE AS RICH PEOPLE

**1. It’s harder for you to \_\_\_\_\_ on God.**

**2. It \_\_\_\_\_ you from true priorities.**

**3. You have a far greater \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. And even more will be expected of the one who has been entrusted with more.”*

Luke 12:48

**God has blessed me with more than I need.  
I am rich.**

### Questions for Reflection/Small Group

- If we aren’t likely ever to *feel* rich, how should we evaluate the “rich line” and our own place in that conversation?
- How does it feel to find yourself so high on the world’s scale of wealth? Why do you think you feel this way?

*Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18*

- If we choose to ignore our level of wealth, how does this affect our attitudes and actions concerning money?
- How does knowing you are rich by world comparisons affect your attitudes about worry, tithing, generosity and thankfulness?

*Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

- What are some of the benefits of being thankful?
- Now that you are more aware of the riches in your life... what are some things in your life that might need to change?

*\* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted*