

What does it mean to be rich toward God?

Being rich toward God does not mean earning salvation or buying God's favor. It means orienting your entire life toward God's purposes, priorities, and presence. Matt.16:24-26

- 1) Recognizing God as the **source & owner**. 1Cor.4:2, 7; Ps.24:1
- 2) **Investing** in what God values.
A commitment to giving your:
 - **Time**—Consistently present, committed, and available in the life of the church. Acts 2:42-47; Heb.10:23-25
 - **Talents**—Serving with your unique SHAPE for the building up of the body. 1Cor.12; Rom.12; Eph.4; 1Pet.4
 - **Treasure**—Tithing: Gen.14:18-20; Lev.27:30-32; Matt.23:23
Offerings: Deut.16:10; Phil.4:15-18
Alms: Deut.24:17-22; Matt.6:1-4
- 3) Living with **eternity** in view. Col.3:2; Matt.6:19-21
- 4) Finding your security, significance, and satisfaction **in God**, not performance, possessions or popularity. Luke 12:22-32; Ps.73:26; Heb.13:5-6
- 5) Living a **God**-centered, **others**-blessing life. Mark 12:30-31

Growing Notes

- 1) Why do you think Jesus warns about greed before telling this parable?
- 2) In what ways can "living for yourself" show up subtly in a Christian's life?
- 3) What does being "rich toward God" look like practically in everyday living?
- 4) How does generosity reveal where our trust and security really lie?
- 5) What role does the local church play in helping us live as giving Christians?
- 6) Is there an area where God may be calling you to loosen your grip and trust Him more?



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Next week's sermon – The GOING Christian: Impacting God's World Evangelism)
Matthew 28:18-20

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

- >Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
 - >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
 - >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*



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Actual \$38,747 - Budget \$31,000 - YTD AVG \$33,894

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We live in a world that screams make lots of money (with your time and talents) and spend it on yourself and you'll be happy! That's the good life! THAT'S A LIE!

“And Jesus said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” –Luke 12:15; Acts 20:35

“So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.” –Luke 12:21

Fully devoted: A 5-G Life in Christ

Part 1: The Genuine Christian (Walks with God) Fellowship

Part 2: The Growing Christian (Lives God's Word) Discipleship

Part 3: The Giving Christian (Contributes to God's Work) Ministry

BIG IDEA: A fully devoted follower of Christ does not merely accumulate for self, but is committed to joyfully contributing their Time, Talents, and Treasure to God's work.

What Does It Mean To Live For Yourself?

Living “for yourself” is not merely self-care or enjoyment of God's gifts; it is self as the final reference point. Rom.8:5-6; Gal.5:16-26

- 1) Self as the **owner**, not the steward. vv17-19; He never acknowledges God as the Giver (Deut.8:18), Owner (Ps.24:1); and Himself as the steward (1Cor.4:2)
- 2) Self as the **goal of life**. v19; James 4:13-16 Planning life without reference to the Lord.
- 3) Self as the **measure** of success. vv18-19 build bigger barns and have ample goods; v15
- 4) Self as functionally god (**idolatry**). Covetousness...is idolatry Col.3:5; v20 Fool!