



SALEM
SMALL GROUPS

generosity

Reference: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

INTRODUCTION

Our series on generosity has been great so far. A few weeks ago we discussed the need for generosity and how it starts by looking at the 3 p's of generosity (Priority, Percentage and Progressive). This week we will be discussing how to be good at being rich.

ICE BREAKER

If you were given a million dollars tomorrow, what would you do with it?

QUESTIONS

- 1.) What do you think it means to be rich? Would you consider yourself to be rich?
- 2.) Andy Stanley stated "Having lots of money doesn't make you good at being rich any more than having lots of children makes you good at parenting." What do you think he meant by this? Do you agree with him? Why or why not?
- 3.) Pastor John gave us three principles to be good at being rich, the first principle is for us to trust only in the trust worthy. Read 1 Timothy 6:17, Paul warns us not to set our hopes in riches but on God. Why do you think we all can be easily tempted to place our hope and security in money?
- 4.) Pastor John stated that money can be an idol that we look to for protection, security, hope or self-worth. In what ways might your heart be tempted to make money a god thing instead of a good thing?
- 5.) The second principle we learned is to diversify your wealth with confidence. Read 1 Timothy 6:18, Paul states to couple generosity with good works. How can you be rich in good works like Paul describes here?
- 6.) The last principle that we learned was to make long term investments. Read 1 Timothy 6:19, Paul speaks of storing up treasures as a good foundation for the future. How do we as believers lay up treasures in heaven?
- 7.) Martin Luther once said "There are three conversions necessary (to every man): the conversion of the heart, mind and the purse." Money is often one of the last things we surrender to God. Are you surrendering to God in all areas of your life including your finances?
- 8.) Remember we give back to God because He has so lavishly given all to us and for us. A few weeks ago we discussed the 3 p's of giving (priority, percentage and progressive). How does implementing these three p's help us to be good at being rich?