

There are a lot of voices in our culture telling us how to GET rich. Where and when have you heard these voices recently? Do you listen to them?

How often have you heard someone telling you how to BE rich?

Have your children ever asked you, "Are we rich?" How did you answer?

How much would your income have to be before you felt rich?

1) I'm rich...I have more than I need. (v.17a)

If your household income is greater than \$45,000 you are among the top 1% of the richest people in the world. Why don't we feel rich?

Why is it awkward to admit, "I'm rich?" Should rich people feel guilty for being rich?

What opportunities and responsibilities do rich people have that less rich people don't have?

2) I'm rich...but I will not be arrogant. (v.17b)

What temptations are unique to rich people?

Why are rich people tempted to think the richer they get the smarter they are?

3) I'm rich...but I will not trust in the uncertainty of my riches. (v.17c)

Which of these statements create more anxiety in you, "My money is gone," or, "My God is gone"?

Is it hard for you to do the right thing when you know it will cost you financially?

Do you have money in the bank but no peace in your heart?

4) I'm rich...I will use my extra to do good. (v.18)

How can you use your extra time to do good? (Days off, vacation, evenings, Sunday mornings, etc.)

How can you use your extra money to do good?

How would the perception of Christians change if we all used our extra time and money to share with those who could not give back?

5) I'm rich...I will prepare to be rich in the life to come. (v.19)

What will your earthly treasure be worth to you on the day you die?

How do you store up treasure in Heaven?

One thousand years from now will you have treasure in the next life?

Additional Scripture

- Luke 12:16-19
- Proverbs 18:11
- Proverbs 11:4
- Psalms 49:5-11
- Ecclesiastes 5:10
- 2 Corinthians 8:9
- Acts 20:35