



Part 4: Rich Toward God

Big Idea

“The greatest deterrent to radical generosity is the illusion that this world is your home.” This world has deluded and enslaved most of us in this erroneous mentality. As a result, we spend most of our resources and energy on things that will not last, rather than investing time and resources in the only thing we see and touch every day that is eternal...people. This present world is not our only “investment opportunity”. Truly, there is more to life than this life. This life is simply a test—an opportunity to prepare for another life.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

- Matthew 6:19-20

Discussion Questions

- The rich man of Luke 12 was judged, not for being rich, but for being confused by why he had the “extra” in his life. How do we avoid that same mistake?
- How can we move from random, spontaneous giving to a more “intentional” strategy of giving? What are some “first steps” we can take to begin that journey?
- What is the difference between “stewardship” and “ownership”? What impact does a proper understanding of that difference have on our lives?

Next Steps

Assess your personal value system and measure it by the principle of being rich toward God (stewardship over ownership, people over possessions, eternal over the temporal). Develop and write a plan to rebuild your value system to more effectively reflect the principles taught in this series.

Prayer Focus

Pray for the wisdom and leadership of the Holy Spirit to begin to see our acts of service, our giving, the stewardship of our possessions, our sacrifices, etc., in terms of the people we are impacting rather than simply viewing them as our “responsibilities”.

Leader Tip

Share the link <http://www.churchofthehighlands.com/kindness> with your group and encourage them to look at the fifteen ideas for random acts of kindness. Ask them to pick at least one of the ideas to put into practice in the next week.