

## HOW TO BE RICH

### 3 Wrong Approaches to Being Rich That Will Leave You Poor Luke 12:13-34

Command them ... to be rich in good deeds,  
and to be generous and willing to share.

1 Timothy 6:18 NIV

#### 1. MY SELF-WORTH IS DETERMINED BY MY NET-WORTH

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of his possessions."

Luke 12:15

"Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot."

Luke 12:15 The Message

The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.

Luke 16:14-15

#### 2. WHEN I DON'T KNOW WHY I HAVE MORE THAN I NEED

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

Luke 12:16-17

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

Luke 12:18-19

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

Luke 12:20

"This is how it will be with those who store up things for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Luke 12: 21

*"Why do I have more than I need?"*

THERE ARE ONLY FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO WITH MONEY . . .

#### 1. EARN IT . . . be a Diligent Earner

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.

Colossians 3:23

#### 2. SAVE IT . . . be a Wise Saver

The wise person saves for the future.

Proverbs 21:20a

#### 3. OWE IT . . . be a Cautious Debtor

The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.

Proverbs 22:7

#### 4. SPEND IT . . . be a Prudent Spender

The earnings of the godly enhance their lives . . .

Proverbs 10:16

#### 5. GIVE IT . . . be a Generous Giver

If you have money, share it generously.

Romans 12:8

#### 3. I WORRY ABOUT THE STUFF I HAVE AND THE STUFF I DO NOT HAVE

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,

Luke 12:22

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:34

If I put my trust in money, if my happiness depends on wealth . . . it would mean that I have denied the God of heaven.

Job 31:24 & 28 Living Bible

Above all else guard your heart  
for it affects everything you do.

Proverbs 4:23