

## Give Because We Are Rich 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 19

We are rich! Of course, we normally don't think of ourselves as rich because we measure our wealth only in comparison to people who have more than we have. But compared to the rest of the world, we are rich, both materially and spiritually. And because we are rich, we are also responsible to share from the blessings that God has given to us.

### Why should We become generous & joyful givers?

#### Reason #1

Because generous and joyful giving is an act of worship and God is worthy of our worship

#### Reason #2

Because generous and joyful giving is an investment in eternity

Because you can't take it with you but you can send it ahead

We give because we are rich!

### We are materially rich

1 Timothy 6:8

If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.

Rich: having enough to meet our daily needs with some left over to share

If your annual income exceeds \$35,000, you are in the top 1% worldwide

Deuteronomy 8:18

"But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth...."

### We are spiritually rich

Ephesians 1:7-8

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

### We are responsible

1. to enjoy His goodness
2. to reflect His generosity

James 1:17

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

3. to manage His wealth

Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.

Abraham Kuyper

"...there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'"

1 Corinthians 4:1–2

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.