

Becoming Truly Rich

A Seminar On God's Principles For Handling Finances

Week 1 - "How To Become Genuinely Rich"

Week 2 - "Storing Up Treasure In Heaven Where It
Has Lasting Value"

Week 3 - "Learning To Live Within Your Means"

Week 4 - "Discussion Of Practical Financial Matters"

Week 1 - "How To Become Genuinely Rich"

1) Finances - God's Way Or The World's Way?

a) II Timothy 3:16-17 - The Word Of God Is The Best Source Of Advice On Finances

b) Isaiah 55:8 - God's Ways Don't Come Naturally

c) Luke 16:11 - How We Handle Finances Matters A Lot To God

Application: Commit yourself to follow God's ways of dealing with finances and reject the world's ways.

2) Transfer Ownership To God

What do the following verses tell us about God?:

Psalm 24:1

Leviticus 25:23

I Chronicles 29:11-12

Haggai 2:8

Psalm 50:10

Deuteronomy 8:18

Application: Sign Quit-Claim Deed

3) Understand God's Concept Of Stewardship

a) Read Matthew 25:14-30; What is a steward and how do they differ from an owner?

b) I Corinthians 4:2 What does a successful steward do?

-It is not an issue of, "How much" Matthew 25:14-15

-It is developed by the "little things" you do Luke 16:10

-It is developed in your using other peoples possessions Luke 16:12

Week 1 - "How To Become Genuinely Rich" (cont)

4) Trust God As Your Provider

a) God's Name And Character Show He Will Provide

Genesis 22:14 "Jehovah-jireh"

Examples throughout the Scriptures:

-Manna in the wilderness

-Widow of Zarepheth

-Feeding 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish

b) He Promises To Provide - Matthew 6:33; Philippians 4:19

Application: Stop and pray, confess your anxiety and fear when you have worried about your needs, tell Him you will confidently trust Him in the future.

5) Highly Value Your "Good Name"

Proverbs 22:1

Read the following Verses:

Proverbs 12:22

Proverbs 13:11

Proverbs 20:23

Leviticus 19:11

Genesis 14:22-23

Honesty And Integrity Will Always Make You Rich

Application: Commit yourself to earning and keeping a "good name"

Week 2 - Storing Up Treasure In Heaven Where It Has Lasting Value

1) You Make An Eternal Investment When You Give To God And His Work

Read: Matthew 6:20; Philippians 4:17

What was part of the reward the widow earned through her gift? (Mark 12:41-44)

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Jim Elliot

2) Giving Greatly Benefits Our Lives

Truly is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35 Do you believe it?

a) Eternal Reward

b) Protects Us From Destructive Natural Tendencies

I Timothy 6:9-10,17-19

Covetousness, greed, materialism(idolatry), theft, swindling

c) Growth In Character

Become like God - John 3:16; II Corinthians 8:9

d) Builds The Church

Nehemiah 10:35-39; 13:10

e) Brings God's Blessing Financial And Otherwise

Proverbs 3:9-10; Proverbs 11:24-25; II Corinthians 9:6-8

Week 2 - Storing Up Treasure In Heaven Where It Has Lasting Value (cont)

3) Our Attitude In Giving Is Very Important

a) We Can Give Without Profit

I Corinthians 13:3

b) We Can Give With The Wrong Motives
Matthew 6:2-4

c) Giving Can Be One Of The Most Enjoyable Aspects Of Life
II Corinthians 9:7

4) Where Should I Give?

a) The Local Church - Principle Of The Tithe
Acts 4:34-36; I Corinthians 9:4-14
Genesis 14:20; 28:20-22; Numbers 18:21; Malachi 3:8-10

b) Missionaries And Gospel Workers
I Corinthians 9:14

c) The Poor And Destitute
Proverbs 21:13; Proverbs 28:27; Isaiah 58:6-9; Acts 2:45, Acts 4:34

d) Those Who Ask
Proverbs 3:27-28

Week 3 - Learning To Live Within Our Means

1) Develop The Attitude Of Contentment

a) Read: Ecclesiastes 5:10-11; Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 4:12-13

b) What is contentment?

c) How do we develop it?

d) What are some ways the world's get us discontent?

2) Learn To Manage God's Resources Through Budgeting

a) Read: Proverbs 24:3-4; Proverbs 27:23-24 ; Luke 16:1-2; I Thessalonians 4:11-12

b) See Accompanying Sheets

c) Application: Get help to set up a personal family budget

3) Get Out Of Debt and Stay Out Of Debt

a) Read: Psalm 37:21; Proverbs 22:7; Romans 13:8; I Corinthians 7:23

b) What is debt?

c) Debt is considered a curse in the Bible
Deuteronomy 28:1-2,12,15,43-44

d) Debt can deny God an opportunity to provide for you

Week 3 - Learning To Live Within Your Means(cont)

4) How To Get Out Of Debt

a) Cry out to God - I Kings 4:1-7

b) List all your debts

c) Develop a written budget

d) Stop the bleeding

- e) Establish a repayment schedule
 - Pay smaller debts first
 - Pay off higher interest debts
- f) Consider selling assets to repay loans
- g) Consider a radical change in lifestyle
- h) Find ways to make extra money

Week 4 - Practical Financial Matters

1) Saving And Investing

- a) Read: Proverbs 21:20; 30:25
- b) Long Term & Short Term
- c) Principle Of Steady Plodding - Proverbs 21:5; 10:4

d) Principle Of Diversification - Ecclesiastes 11:2

d) What Are Your Goals?
I Timothy 5:8

e) What Are The Dangers?
I Timothy 6:9-11
Luke 12:16-21,34

2) Inheritance

Read: Proverbs 13:22; 20:21; Galatians 4:1-2

3) Insurance

a) What Is Insurance?

b) How Much Is Too Much?

c) How Little Is Not Enough?

Week 4 - Practical Financial Matters

4) Gambling

What Is Gambling Anyway?

5) Teaching Children God's Ways Of Finances

a) Provide Them A Source Of Income To Manage

b) Teach Them To Budget

c) Reward Initiative In Saving Toward A Project

d) Help Them Establish A bank Account

e) Teach Them The Value Of Work

6) Questions And Answers