



Live Rich - Wk 3

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1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:24

Notes continue...

1. Choose Your _____

2. Store Up _____ (Matthew 6:19-20 NLT)

3. Give From a _____ (Matthew 6:21 NLT)

Talk it Over:

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Big Idea:

It has been said that “It is okay to own things, but it is not okay to have things own you.” The Word of God makes it clear that God desires to bless his people, but His Word also demonstrates that biblical generosity views one’s resources as a tool to be used with great intentionality to help others.

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” - Jesus

Discussion Questions:

- “Choices lead, feelings follow.” The times you have felt most fulfilled in life, did you follow your feelings or did your feelings follow your actions? Why do you think it had that effect on you?
- What is the difference between “spending” your resources (money, time, possessions, etc.) and “investing” them? What do these “natural” things have to do with our spiritual relationship with Christ?
- Is anyone going to be in heaven because of your “giving”? If not, what can you do to change that, and if so, what can you do to increase it?
- The Bible is very clear that “where your treasure is, your heart will be also.” In the light of this truth, where is your heart, and where do you want it to be?
- Matthew 6 tells you to “lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...” What are the personal benefits derived from biblical generosity?

Prayer Focus This Week:

Heavenly Father, thank You for everything you’ve entrusted to me! Please help me to manage the finances You have given me in a way that honors you and stores up treasures in heaven! The gravity of life pulls me to focus on what’s going on right here & now. Please help me to make choices today that will result in an eternal impact! Amen.

Next Steps:

- What are ways you plan to be intentionally generous? If you have not already done so, consider setting up an intentional reoccurring giving plan at centralsj.org/give
- Develop a written plan this week in order to become more intentional about making eternal investments?
- Share your plan with a trusted spiritual friend. Ask them to keep you accountable to implement it, & to make it an ongoing part of your life.
- Memorize 1 Timothy 6:17-19 in order meditate on how we’re called to “Live Rich”:

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.