

Be Rich

1 Timothy 6:17

Preaching: Brady Traywick**I. Wealth has side effects.**

1. Rich people live in denial.
2. Rich people are plagued with discontentment.

II. Paul Points to the Greater Risk.

Question: How much money would you need to secure your future against all imaginable eventualities?

Answer: More than you currently have.

Implication: Wealth becomes a substitute for God.

There is no God.

You have no money.

III. How to BE RICH:

1. Don't be arrogant.
2. Don't put your hope in wealth.
3. Put your hope in God.

Community Group Questions

INTRODUCTION

Rich people live in denial. They won't admit they're rich. No matter how much you have, there's always someone who has more. But if you earn \$40,000 a year, you are in the top four percent of wage earners in the world. If you earn \$48,000 a year, that puts you in the top one percent of wage earners in the world. Most of us are rich. And one of the dangers of being rich is discontentment. The more you have, the more you want.

Wealth has side effects. If you're rich, you're at risk. How do we avoid the pitfalls of wealth?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you define "rich"? How much money does someone have to make in order to be considered wealthy?
2. When it comes to money and finances, what are your hopes, dreams, and goals?
3. During the message, Brady asked the question, "*How much money would you need to secure your future against all imaginable eventualities?*" What went through your mind?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:17. How does this passage challenge your assumptions about wealth?
5. Which of these statements creates more anxiety in you: "*There is no God*" or "*There is no money*"? Why?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to begin to put your hope in God instead of your wealth? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

If you're wealthy, don't be arrogant. Be grateful. Don't lean on your wealth. Lean on the One who gave you your wealth. That way, you can have peace in your heart as well as money in the bank.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." **Matthew 6:24**

