

Am I Rich?

"As for the rich in this present age..."

• If you make more than 19K a year...

You are in the top 50% of worldwide income!

• If you make more than 34k a year...

You are in the top 1% of worldwide income!



1Tim 6:17-19

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Four Important Attitudes

- Haughty: Don't be arrogant or prideful Lit = to be high minded
- <u>Hope</u>: Don't put your confidence in money-Lit = Confidence; expectation; hope; trust
- <u>Richly Provides</u>: Remember where it comes from
 Lit = to furnish in abundance; to overflow
- Enjoy: God provides our needs...and some to enjoy
 Lit = to take pleasure in, to enjoy;



A Formula For Managing Money

Give 10%: Willingly and joyfully

Save 10%: Wisely for the future

 Joyfully and happily use the rest for your needs, the needs of others and the Kingdom



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Five Important Actions

- <u>Doing Good</u>: Doing good works, things that bless
- Rich in Good works: Overflowing in good works
- Generous and ready to share:
 - Free handed in giving and distributing to others
- Laying up treasures: Lit = laying a foundation for eternity
 1 Cor 3:11-14
- Real Life: Lit = eternal life, or life to come



 Decide you want to honor God with intentional giving "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give" 2Co 9:7

Determine what your gift should be-

The tithe (10%) <u>preceded</u> the OT Law, was <u>incorporated</u> into the OT Law and was <u>endorsed</u> by Jesus

We should give:

~Our best

~Sacrificially

~Generously

~Willingly



 Give your tithe to where you are spiritually fed, nurtured and cared for...

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Malachi 3:10



Plan to grow in your giving

"But just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

2 Cor 8:7



• Execute your giving plan

Take a flyer and plan to give
Pick a gift and pray about giving
Present your gift to God and trust Him



Questions About Giving

What is your attitude toward giving?

What is your current pattern of giving?

Plan to give...and/or Grow in your giving

