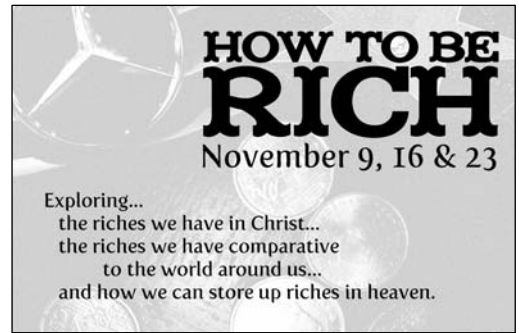


HOW TO GET RICH QUICK

STUDY GUIDE
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OPEN IN PRAYER



A TIME OF WORSHIP (Optional) - You may want to sing a hymn or chorus.

INTRODUCTION

As we wrap up this series on how to be rich, it's important to understand that the ultimate standard of being rich is God. Jesus made it very clear that when it comes to being rich towards God, there are some who have it and some who don't. It's not about how much money a person has. Being rich towards God gets measured by how much you are investing in His kingdom. And as you'll discover, when we diversify our investments in God's kingdom, the rate of return is eternal.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Begin by reading Luke 12:13-21

1. Describe someone who you would say is rich towards God.

Continue by reading Luke 12:22-34

2. Why does Jesus command His followers not to worry about the economy?
3. Jesus promises that God will supply for our needs but not necessarily our wants. What, according to this passage, are our needs?
4. Verse 31 contains a promise. Matthew's account in 6:33 includes the word "first". "Seek *first* the kingdom". What do you think this means? How have you seen this work out in your life?
5. According to Jesus how does one get rich towards God or, in His words, "provide purses" for themselves that will last forever?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus says, "If you be about investing toward My needs - that is the poor and making disciples - I'll be about providing for your needs." Makes sense doesn't it? If I am about His plan and purpose first, why would He take good care of me so that I could continue to resource His plan? I've noticed there are two types of investors - those who give God their leftovers, and those who give their first and best to God right off the top and live on what is left over. The first group gives that way, not because they're greedy, but simply because they've never been taught to trust God that way. If someone who is a new Christian wanted to learn how to invest in God's kingdom with their treasures, how would you "disciple" or "teach" them?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you.
Matthew 6:33

CLOSING PRAYER