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The Responsibility of Riches

1 Timothy 6:17-19

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. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In 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.

1. Admit that you are _____.

- For you to get to where _____ wants you to be, you need to _____ where you are.
- Associating guilt with _____ does not generate anything _____.
- Being rich means being _____ and _____.
- Being rich is not as much about _____ as it is about _____.
- Responsible stewardship means _____ first, _____ second, and living on the rest.

2. Don't put your _____ in your wealth.

Proverbs 10:15a

The wealth of the rich is their fortified city...

Matthew 6:19-20

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

- _____ has the greatest ability to drive a wedge between you and God.
- Money is the number one _____ with God for your _____.

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

- What you do with your money is a window to your _____.
- Giving is a test of your _____.

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Malachi 3:8-10

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰Bring 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.