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Rich is the person on TV. Rich is our next door neighbour. Rich is just a little bit more. Rich is not me. This is what many of us believe. But the fact is, most of us are richer than we think. We're just not very good at it. For 4 weeks we will explore 1 Timothy 6:17-19, and see how we can be truly rich. How we can do more and give more with what we have.

SERIES OUTLINE

- 8th Mar 2015  **You're Rich!**
- 15th Mar 2015  **Rich Effects**
- 22nd Mar 2015  **Rich Giving**
- 29th Mar 2015  **Rich Life**



VISION

To be a gospel-centred church seeking to make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ for the good of our community & the glory of God

MISSION

To make growing disciples of Jesus Christ through gospel-centred and Spirit empowered worship, community, service and mission.

CORE VALUES



We **worship** the triune God

We worship God as He has revealed Himself: Father, Son & Holy Spirit



We proclaim the **gospel**

We hold the gospel to be of first importance



We **love** one another

We love one another as Jesus loved us





WEEK 1 YOU'RE RICH !

OPEN

What do you imagine when you hear the word 'rich'?
What do 'rich people' look like?

DIG

- Finish this sentence –
Rich people have a lot of_____

Read 1 Timothy 6:17

- Why can't we rely on money to make us happy?
- Who should we rely on instead?
- The blessings and love of God is what actually makes us 'rich'. Name some ways that God has blessed you and your family and made you 'rich'.
- Some people love money a lot.
- Talk about some ways that people might love money more than God.

Read 1 Timothy 6:18

- What does it tell us we should do with our money?

REFLECT

Can you think of a time when someone was generous toward you or when a friend shared with you? How did that make you feel?

As a family, memorise 1 Timothy 6:17 "Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our

PRAY

Dear God, Thank you for your great generosity toward us. Thank you that you bless us with so many good things. Would you help us to share what we have with others? Help us to love others the way that you love us. Amen



WEEK 1 YOU'RE RICH !

Sunday 8th March

OPEN

When you hear the word “rich,” what comes into your mind?

DIG

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

1. How do we normally define who is “rich in this present world”?
2. What was your reaction to the truth that we can rightly be considered “rich in this present world”? Do you agree or disagree? Why?
3. Why do people confuse “being” rich with “feeling” rich?
4. Describe a time when you noticed that the more that you had, the more you wanted.

5. Do you agree that wealth can become a substitute for God? Why or why not?

6. Do you tend to think of Christians and the church as being generous? Why or why not?

7. Talk about a time when someone was generous to you with their money, time, or influence. How did that person's generosity affect you?

8. Why do we hesitate to give to others even though we have more than we need?

REFLECT

What can you do this week to be rich toward others? How can your Growth Group support you?

Is there a charity or particular group of people in need that is near and dear to your heart? If so, talk about why you feel a burden to help that charity or group.

As a group memorise 1 Timothy 6:17 this week

PRAY



WEEK 2 RICH EFFECTS

OPEN

How much money does someone need to have, to be considered 'rich'?

DIG

Read 1 Timothy 6 :17

- Here it tells us not to be proud of our money. What do you think that means? Why shouldn't we be proud of our money?
- **Verse 17** says that money is unreliable or uncertain. That means you can't count on money to stop you getting sick or to make you happy. God wants you to put your hope and trust in Him, not money.

Read Matthew 6:24

- Talk about the ways you can serve God.
- Talk about the ways you can serve money.
- **Verse 24** tells us "You cannot serve both God and money". Why not?

REFLECT

What can you do this week that will show that your hope is in God and not money?

As a family, memorise Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

PRAY



WEEK 2 RICH EFFECTS

Sunday 15th March

OPEN

How much money does someone have to make in order to be considered rich?

DIG

Read 1 Timothy 6:17

1. How does this verse challenge your assumptions about wealth?
2. When it comes to money and finances, what are your hopes, dreams, and goals?
3. Respond to the question: “How much money would you need to secure your future against all imaginable eventualities?”
4. Why do you think Paul commands those who are rich not to be arrogant? How can you prevent this arrogance from infiltrating your heart?

Read Matthew 6:24

5. Which of these statements creates more anxiety in you: “There is no God” or “There is no money”? Why?
6. What is it about money that has the potential to draw us away from God?

REFLECT

What is one thing you can do this week to begin to put your hope in God instead of your wealth? How can your Growth Group support you?

As a group memorise Matthew 6:24 this week

PRAY



WEEK 3 RICH GIVING

OPEN

Have you or your family ever given money to someone else who really needed it? How did it make you feel?

DIG

- **Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-14** List all the things that belong to God.
- **Verse 12** says our 'wealth' comes from God, that means, it already belongs to Him. Knowing this, does it make it harder or easier to share what we have with others and give back to God? Why?
- Sometimes you might think that God wants you to do a lot of hard things – share your stuff, give money to the church, help orphans etc. But God did something way, way harder when He gave His son Jesus to die on a cross for our sins.
- **Read John 3:16** Why did God give His son?

REFLECT

How might today's Bible readings change the way you feel about giving to others and to God?

As a family, memorise John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only son, so that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life."

PRAY

Read **1 Chronicles 29:10-14** together as a family, as a prayer.



WEEK 3 RICH GIVING

Sunday 22nd March

OPEN

Talk about a time when you gave money to meet someone else's need. How did it make you feel?

DIG

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

1. If everything belongs to God, do we ever really “give” anything to Him?
2. How does this change the way we view “our” wealth?

Read John 3:16

3. Do you view God as a giver or a taker? Why?
4. How does this verse change our attitude towards giving?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18

5. Why might Paul emphasise “this present world” in verse 17?

6. What are some ways that we can be rich in good deeds when our daily schedules are so filled with activity?

7. Paul's point in these verses seems to be that rich people should give larger sums and higher percentages. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Read Acts 2:42-47

8. How do you think the early Christians practiced generosity and a willingness to share?

9. What most excites you about giving to help others?

REFLECT

What would it look for you to honour God with all of your stuff?

Imagine if everyone at BPC became an intentional and sacrificial giver. Talk about the kinds of things we could accomplish in our local community.

As a group memorise 1 Timothy 6:18 this week

PRAY



WEEK 4 RICH LIFE

OPEN

Is your opinion about what being rich means starting to change?

DIG

Read Luke 12:15

- What does this verse tell us to watch out for?
- A person's success in life does not depend on what?
- It is very easy to look at people who drive flash cars, wear cool clothes, have fancy toys, and live in big houses and think they are happy and successful. Does having lots of stuff impress God?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17, 18.

- These verses mention ways we can please God. What are they?
- What does it mean to be "rich in good deeds"?

REFLECT

What are some good deeds that you can do this week?

As a family, memorise 1 Timothy 6:18

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

PRAY

Dear God. You are an amazing God who has given us so many good things. Help us not to be greedy with what we have, but to share with others. Give us generous hearts. Show us people who really need us this week, so that we can help them. Amen



WEEK 4 RICH LIFE

Sunday 29th March

OPEN

How has your view of wealth changed over the last few weeks?

DIG

Read 1 Timothy 6:19

1. What might it mean that our generosity stores up “a good foundation for the future”?
2. What does our culture consider it means to have a life that is “truly life”? How is that different to this verse?

Read Luke 12:13–21

3. According to this parable, what are the dangers of wealth?
4. Where do you face the temptation to build bigger “barns” instead of being “rich toward God”?

5. What are some ways that we can loosen the grip of “barn building” in our lives, especially in light of eternity?

Read Luke 12:22-34

6. In these verse, being rich toward those in need is the same as being rich toward God. Talk about this idea. What do you like about it? How does it challenge you?

7. What might it look like to “seek first the kingdom of God” in your wealth?

REFLECT

What is one thing you can do this week to begin viewing wealth through the lens of eternity?

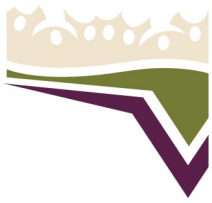
What can your Growth Group do to support you?

As a group memorise Luke 12:33-34 this week

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