

BE RICH, Part 2

Sermon Small Group Questions Speaker: Pastor Dave Patterson

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than

[1 Timothy 6.17]

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 <u>richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.</u>

You have been blessed to be a blessing.

MARGIN: The amount available beyond what is necessary

[Proverbs 21.20]

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools spend whatever they get.

How to Live with Financial Peace:

- 1. Financial Peace comes when we live with Margin.
- 2. Financial peace comes when we deal with the migration of hope.

"I will not place my hope in riches but in Him who richly provides"

3. Financial peace comes through APPLIED BIBLICAL.
TRUTH

God loves us too much to leave us in our present condition.

[Proverbs 8.18-19, NIV]

With me (Wisdom) are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver.

[Luke 16.10-12, NIV]

"Whoever can be <u>trusted with very little can also be trusted with</u> <u>much</u>, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

Four Financial Principles to Live By:

A. **GIVE** first

This establishes our trust in Him.

[Proverbs 3.9-10, NIV]

Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the **firstfruits** of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

[1 Corinthians 16.2, AMP]

On the first day of each week, let each one of you [personally] put aside something and save it up as he has prospered, **in proportion to** what he is given.

B. **SAVE** something

[Proverbs 13.11, NIV]

Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

- C. PAY bills on time
- D. **SPEND** what is left
 - 4. Financial peace comes when we know we are fully trusting Jesus and He is entrusting us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. When you think about your financial life, what emotions come up in you?
- 2. How well do you build margin into your life?
- 3. What does it look like to have financial peace? What does it look like to be "rich toward God?"
- 4. How does being a steward of God's resources affect how we deal with money?
- 5. When it comes to giving, why do people often follow emotions? As a follower of Christ, how do we move from intervention giving to intentional giving?
- 6. Pray for each other's finances and responses to God in giving.