

SERIES: HOW TO BE RICH

Have Heaven in View (I Timothy 6:17-19)

INTRODUCTION: So far in this series we've seen who the rich are (6:8-9). We've seen the charge to enjoy the Father's blessings by not getting high-minded and not trusting in our riches, but rather in the God who provided those riches (6:17). Then we saw that we are to remember others (6:18). We do this by watching our time, our testimony, our tenderness and our togetherness.

DECLARATION: "God has blessed me with more than I need. I Am Rich. But I will not trust in uncertain riches but in the living God who gives me richly all things to enjoy."

I. THE FUTURE (I TIMOTHY 6:19-A)

Mark 9:41, "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

II. THE FOUNDATION (I TIMOTHY 6:19-B)

Luke 12:13-21, ¹³ And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. ¹⁴ And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? ¹⁵ And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. ¹⁶ And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? ¹⁸ And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. ²⁰ But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? ²¹ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

III. THE FULFILLMENT (I TIMOTHY 6:19-C)

CONCLUSION: How can you be rich?

- 1) Live with a dependency on God and not money.
- 2) Enjoy the Father's Blessings with a spirit of gratitude
- 3) Don't forget others.
- 4) Don't forget to lay up treasures for your eternal life in Heaven.

Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"