

Growing in Riches Toward God, Together

- **Day One** — Read Luke 12:13-21, Mark 10:17-31

Take an extended period of time to reflect on these passages. Do you identify with the character in Jesus' parable of the *barn builder* or the Rich Ruler? If so, how? What does being *rich towards God* mean to you?

Your Praise or Prayer Response:

- **Day Two** — Read Luke 12:22-34, Philippians 4:4-8

What are the *triggers* that cause you the most worry, anxiety or fear? What do you do with these emotions and feelings when they try to come over you? What are practical tools that Jesus gives us here in these passages to overcome worry? What does it mean that the Father wants to *give us the kingdom*?

Your Praise or Prayer Response:

- **Day Three** — Read Acts 2:42-47, Romans 12:9-21, Philippians 2:1-11

Make a list of the characteristics that define the communities described in these passages. What would being a part of a community like these described in the Scriptures mean to you? What are things that hinder relationship, community, and tangible love?

Your Praise or Prayer Response:

New Life Lessons
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“Life That is Truly Life”

True Riches (#5)

Ephesians 2:1, 4-5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Titus 3:3-7

1 Timothy 6:6–12, 17-19 (NIV) ⁶ But godliness with **contentment** is great gain. ⁷ For we **brought** nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be **content** with that. Job 1:21

⁹ Those who **want** to get **rich** **fall** into **temptation** and a **trap** and into many foolish and harmful desires that **plunge** people into **ruin** and **destruction**. ¹⁰ For the **love** of money is a **root** of all kinds of evil. Some people, **eager** for money, have wandered from the faith and **pierced** themselves with many griefs. Luke 16:13-15

¹¹ But you, man of God, **flee** from all this, and **pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance** and gentleness. ¹² **Fight** the good fight of the faith. **Take hold** of the eternal life to which you were called... Philippians 3:12

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 **richly** provides us with everything for our **enjoyment**. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be **rich in good deeds**, and to be **generous** and willing to **share**. ¹⁹ In 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 Timothy 6:17-19

What is the Issue Here?

Misguided & Misplaced Love

Matthew 22:37–38 (NIV) ³⁷ Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (NIV) ¹ But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be **lovers** of themselves, **lovers** of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without **love**, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not **lovers** of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, **lovers** of pleasure rather than **lovers** of God—⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power... Matthew 24:12

Mark 4:18–19 (NIV) ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the **worries of this life**, the **deceitfulness of wealth** and the **desires for other things** come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

1 John 2:15-17

Specifically the LOVE of MONEY!

Luke 12:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! **Be on your guard** against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Matthew 6:19-21, 24

What Does a Life that is Truly Life Look Like?

Compelled by Love

1 John 4:10–12, 19 (NIV) ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us... ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. John 13:34-35, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 1 John 3:16-18

Radical Contentment (Simplicity)

1 Timothy 6:6, 8 (NIV) ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain... ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Philippians 4:12–13 (NIV) ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Micah 6:8 (NIV) ⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

“Earn all you can, give all you can, and save all you can.”
—John Wesley

Extravagant Generosity

1 Timothy 6:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV) ²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Matthew 5:40-42, James 2:14-17, Acts 20:35

Contagious (Infectious) Joy

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV) 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 richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Romans 14:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit... Proverbs 11:10, Acts 8:8, Psalm 34:8; 16:11