

Life Group Notes

Sunday 4th December 2022

Speaker: Sean Green

Title: As For The Rich...

Passage: 1 Tim 6:17-19

Read 1Tim 6v17-19 Sean spoke primarily to those in RFC who are 'rich in this world'. The website 'how rich am I?' maps your income onto the global economy.

The Dangers: (v17) The danger of being 'rich in this world' is twofold: 1) That we look down on those who have less than us and 2) We develop a false sense of security (Money is so uncertain). Our trust shouldn't be in our money but in our God, who richly gives all we need for our enjoyment.

The Duty: (v18) Wealth can make us lazy towards the care of others. All Christians have a duty to be generous to those in need, especially in the church family. We are to 'always being ready to share' which is both a 'trust in God' and a 'living below your means' posture.

The Benefit: (v19) Those who are rich in this world are able to generate and create 'spiritual treasure' for their future life. They can use their money to send spiritual treasure on ahead.

We who are rich in this world, who map into the richest 5% of the global population, can practice three simple things:

1) Enjoy life. God has richly given us all we need for our enjoyment. By faith, we can enjoy what God has given us by:

Avoiding	Pursuing
Materialism (obsession with material possession & comfort)	Simplicity (enjoying without owning)
Asceticism (rejection of material possessions & comfort)	Gratitude (readiness to return kindness)
Covetousness (a lust for more possessions)	Contentment (Happy and satisfied in God)
Selfishness (primarily concerned with yourself)	Generosity (imitate God)

2) Be ready: To use our money to be rich in good works, be generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

3) Store up: Inflation proof our finances by sending them on ahead, as a firm foundation for the coming age.

Suggested Questions:

1. What was new for you in the message (or were reminded of)?
2. What are you going to do now (unsubscribe, set up a 'be ready account', tell your LG leader your need, help meet someone's need?).
3. How else can you cultivate financial trust, contentment, and generosity in your life?