

Home Group Questions - December 16, 2018
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1. How would you describe your family's financial situation when you were growing up? (Well off, struggling, middle-class, etc.)
2. How much money do you think you would need to make you feel secure?
3. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19 with your group
 - What are the two warnings Paul gives to the rich in verse 17? How and why do the rich fall into these temptations?
 - What are the 3 commands Paul gives to the rich in verse 18? These three commands all seem a bit similar upon first glance. What are some differences between them?
 - Paul says in verse 19 that those who are generous will "lay up a treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age". This reminds us of Jesus' words in Matthew 6:19-21. Read Matthew 6:19-21 with your group.
 - Why is it so difficult for us to put our finances and material possessions into an eternal perspective?
 - What is the difference between the two kinds of life that Paul speaks of at the end of verse 19?
4. In verse 18, Paul says that we should not only DO good and generous things, but that we should also BE good and generous.
 - What do you picture in your head when you picture yourself as a truly generous person? What kinds of things would you be doing that you don't currently do?
 - How can we change our hearts from simply doing generous things out of obligation, to actually being a generous person who looks forward to giving and sharing?
5. Brainstorm with your group. What are some creative ways that you as individuals or as a group could begin to be more "rich in deeds" and more "generous and willing to share"? (Hint: Try to think of things in life that bring you joy. How can you use those things to bless others?)