

"You weren't created just to consume resources—to eat, breathe, and take up space. God designed you to make a difference with your life. What matters is not the duration of one's life but the donation." (Pastor Rick Warren)

We should celebrate the goodness and blessings of God, but we have to know the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the blessings or the very things we have can rob us of the things that really matter.

## Luke 12:16-21

The greatest deception of riches, goods, and stuff is that we put our \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the temporary rather than trusting in the God who gives us life.

## How to be rich toward God

- 1. God wants you to be rich in good \_\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Timothy 6:17-18)
- We are not saved by good deeds, but for good deeds. (Ephesians 2:8-10)
- Good deeds are acts of kindness and generosity that...
  - Point to God, not to me.

- Reveal the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Meet others at their point of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. God wants you to be rich in \_\_\_\_\_\_. (2 Corinthians 9:11)
- We have been blessed not simply so we can have more, but so we can give more.
- "The world of the generous gets larger and larger, the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." (Proverbs 11:24-25 Message)
- 3. God wants you to be rich in \_\_\_\_\_. (John 13:34-35)
- Value in life is not found in what you have or what you gather, but it is discovered in the relationships you invest in.

God has blessed me with more than I need. I'm rich. I will not trust in my riches, but in Him who richly provides. Because I have more, I will do more and give more.

Answers: why; trust; deeds; love; need; generosity; relationships

