

# CHARGE THEM THAT ARE RICH

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College Press: *Command ...not to be arrogant*

**Charge them:** Speak authoritatively, command.

**Rich:**

- Having more than enough
- Having abundant resources
- Well-supplied, worth much.

Having more than others of what enables you to do things

**Highminded:** arrogant; *to think proud thoughts; conceited.*

*To think lofty; be haughty; exaggerated opinion of oneself.*

*Bow to me.*

Common traits of fallen man--tendency to look down nose at people lower than himself.

Wealth and pride go hand in hand

Rich people--tendency to look at others as servants.

Prov 18:23

**Roughly:** *Harshly (with greed)*

**The poor useth entreaties:** *Poor people from the necessity of their situation will stoop to begging. They have to put down the natural inclination of their pride in order to have their needs met.*

**but the rich answereth roughly.** *Rich people are often very insolent, 1. Presumptuous and insulting in manner or speech; arrogant. 2. Audaciously rude or disrespectful; impertinent.*

Proverbs on riches:

1. Get rich by hard work: Prov 10:4
2. Keep riches in their right prospective: Prov 13:7,8
3. Rich and poor people are same before God. Prov 22:2
4. Rich people have lot of friends. Prov 14:20
5. Rich people often conceited: Prov 18:11
6. Rich people often placed into positions of authority over poor: Prov 22:7

7. Not strive to be rich: Prov 23:4

8. God doesn't put much value on rich person who is perverse: Prov 28:6

9. Rich people often *know it all*: Prov 28:11

10. Get rich quick schemes contaminate: Prov 28:20,22

When person becomes rich--tendency to forget God...become insolent and almost blasphemous toward God.

Proverbs 30:8-9

*Lawson: Let poor men take heed that the necessity they lie under of using entreaties may not degenerate into a slavish meanness of spirit, disposing them to sell their consciences for bread; and let the rich remember that they are infinitely more dependent on the great Patron of the poor and needy than the poor on them.*

Opposite of conceit? Humble!

Proud because wealth --doesn't get it.

1. Doesn't understand himself

2. Doesn't understand wealth.

Doesn't understand:

1. Isn't owner of money and materials. Simply a steward.

2. Has wealth because of goodness of God

3. Obtaining wealth ought to make him grateful and humble ....glorify God. Deu 8:18 -19

***nor trust:*** confidence, expectations

Problems common to wealthy people:

1. Arrogance--*highminded*. Rich people may begin to think they are a bit more important than others.

2. Temptation to put hope/trust in wealth.

***Uncertain:*** hidden, unstable,

Wealth not something base life on.

*Bein poor is a problem, but bein rich ain't the answer.*

*Wiersbe: The rich farmer in our Lord's parable (Luke 12:13-21) thought that his wealth meant security, when really it was an evidence of insecurity. He was not really trusting God. Riches are uncertain, not only in their value (which changes constantly), but also in their durability. Thieves can steal wealth, investments can drop in value, and the ravages of time can ruin houses and cars. If God gives us wealth, we should trust Him, the Giver, and not the gifts.*

***...but in the living God:*** In God who is alive.

*My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand.  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
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Henry Ward Beecher: .... He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.

*A Christian rich man is to be in fellowship with all his Christian brethren down to the poorest and humblest. He is to be wholly one with them just as if he had no wealth.*

**Enjoy:** to enjoy to the full. Receive pleasure or satisfaction from  
Nothing wrong with having money – it is love of money that is root of all evil.  
Platform of glory

Psa 84:11 ...no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Psa 37:25 Psa 68:19

Eccl 5:18-20 ... this is the gift of God.

4 challenges:

1. Do Good. **1 Tim 6:18**

Act with dignity.

Put money to good use.

2. Abound in Good Works. ... *rich in good works,*

**Rich:** abounding, abundantly furnished.

God doesn't intend for wealth to be hoarded or given out sparingly.

**Good works:** noble deeds, beautiful works.

*Mac: Material wealth is to be used to perform **good works** on behalf of others.*

1 Tim 5 :

- Support families. (5:8),
- Take care of needs of widows (5:4).
- Support leaders in church (5:17),
- Meet needs of other believers in need. (Acts 4:34–35),

3. Be Generous. ...*Ready to distribute*, -- motives.

*Ready*: liberal, generous

*To distribute*: to impart, to share. Generous, liberal, bountiful;

Mac: *The duty of the rich involves meeting the needs of others beyond minimums, and that requires a generous, unselfish heart. Believers are to act toward others with the same generous love that moved God to act so richly toward them. Like the Macedonians commended by Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:1-4, they must give sacrificially from an open and unrestrained heart.*

John Wesley: *Make all you can and give all you can.*

Another: *What we do with what we have is more important than what we have.*

4. Be Accessible ...*willing to communicate*; Ready to share.

Not holding aloof; not inaccessible. Treating all as equals.

Ready and apt to form and maintain communion and fellowship.

Not giving out of duty or with uncompassionate spirit.

### **1 Tim 6:19**

*Laying up*: storing, accumulating

*A good foundation*: base of support. Fund

Gifts are investments.

Consider end result of properly handling treasure.

Amassing a treasure

Wiersbe: *The rich are not to be concerned with getting a return on their investment in this life. Those who lay up treasure in heaven will be content to wait to receive their dividends in the future when they reach heaven.*

... *against the time to come*. Reap benefits when get to heaven.

Mat 6:19-20

## **So what?**

Attitude toward riches?

Where is your trust?

Will you commit to:

1. Do good.
2. Abound in good works
3. Be generous...*ready to distribute*
4. Be accessible...*willing to communicate*
5. Lay up treasure in heaven....by investing lives and ministry now!