



Sure Thing

Week 2 – Rich and Generous

Study Guide

The idea of being rich can be a two-sided coin. On one side everyone wants to be, or to feel, rich. On the other side we think all rich people are Scrooge McDucks—devious villains with tons of money who keep it all for themselves. But is that really all there is to it? Is there an in-between? Where do I fit in? This week we wrap up our series Sure Thing, and we'll take a look at what it means to be both rich *and* generous.

1. What do you think it means to be rich? Would you consider yourself rich?

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.”
- 1 Timothy 6:17 (ESV)

2. **Read 1 Timothy 6:17.** What are the three “charges” Paul lists here? What are some examples of each?
3. **Read 1 Timothy 6:18 and Acts 20:35.** Paul tells us to be “rich in good works.” What might this look like and how would this benefit both the “giver” and the “receiver”?

“...thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”
- 1 Timothy 6:19 (ESV)

4. **Read 1 Timothy 6:18-19.** According to this verse, what two things happen when we are rich in good works? What is “true life”?

5. The message this week challenged us to be **READY** to be generous! What are a few things **YOU** can do to prepare for a generous lifestyle? How can the group help you?