

Chasing Hope – Week 5 – Financial Hope – January 29, 2023 - Pastor Guy

1. Do you consider yourself to be rich? Why or why not?
2. If you don't consider yourself to be rich, what would it take for you to be rich?
3. Rich in Jesus' time meant that you had discretionary income. (You had food, clothes and shelter and something left over. Using this definition of rich, would you say that you are rich?

1 Timothy 6: 17-19 - ¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

God gives us a lot of instruction in his Word, but doesn't often command things. Here he commands 4 things: Don't be arrogant, Don't put your hope in wealth, Do good deeds, and Be generous and willing to share.

4. Which of these four commands is the easiest for you?
5. Which of these four commands is the hardest for you?
6. Why do you think God commands His followers in these four things?
7. In what area of your life might you be most likely to be arrogant?
8. What does it look like for you to put your hope in wealth?
9. Pastor Guy clarified that we are not saved by doing good deeds, but we are saved for good deeds. What is the difference between these two?
10. Why are good deeds so important for followers of Jesus?
11. What are some specific ways that you can do good deeds?
12. Why is being generous so important for Christ followers?
13. Are you naturally generous, or does it take intentionality to be generous?
14. What conditions might you be tempted to place on your generosity?
15. Has money ever been a source of conflict or frustration in your life?
16. Have you ever taken Financial Peace or another biblical finance class? Why or why not?
17. What is the best advice that you have learned about money?
18. Have you ever thought about what you earn as God's money that He gives you to manage?
19. How might that perspective change how a person uses money?

Matthew 19:23 - ²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven.

20. Why do you think Jesus said this statement?
21. What can we do as Christians to not allow our hope to be placed in our wealth?
22. How would your life demonstrate where your hope is?