

Subject: Pastor Chris' Upcoming Stewardship Message
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Dear Chapel friend:

Here's Pastor Chris's synopsis for this Sunday's message, along with my request that you **please pray this week that . . . your true appreciation of your personal earthly wealth and assets will spur you on to Be Generous with everything.**

Sincerely and prayerfully,

Web Servant Warren

Be Generous!

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



John 13:2-17

Hello: I'm Pastor Chris.

Who are the rich? . . . What is generosity?


We've been seeking answers to those open-ended questions. It sure would be easier to just have Paul or Timothy or Jesus (or anybody!) give us a number; then we'd know for sure if we were rich or generous. But Paul doesn't want this tension *relieved* in us. He wants us to *wrestle* with the answer to the first question by looking at the rest of the world. He wants us to come to the second question's answer in light of our conclusion to the first.

If I'm rich or poor, what does "generosity" look like in my life? How did the widow in [Mark 12:41–44](#) with the two coins answer that question?

So far, we've examined three of four ways in which rich people are arrogant:

1. *They deny that they're wealthy.*
2. *They believe that they achieved it on their own.*
3. *They feel generous but aren't, considering their wealth.*

This Sunday, we'll explore Paul's instruction that the rich should "do good" and "be rich in good deeds" (1 Timothy 6:17–19). The "giving" of our monetary wealth is only one part of a two-part equation for Paul; the second part of the equation involves "serving." It's true: Rich people have more time. They're "rich" with time because their material wealth makes it possible. How should each of us steward this extra time as it relates to generosity? Find out how this Sunday, along with realizing the fourth way the rich are arrogant.



The Message

Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow.

Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage — to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

To see if you are in the top five percent of the world's richest people, go to www.globalrichlist.com and enter either your annual income, if you are working, or your assets (wealth), if you are retired.

Please join me and your many rich friends this Sunday.

Pastor Chris (You can watch and hear my “Be Generous!” sermon [here](#).)

*The poor widow, out of her poverty,
put in two very small copper coins,
worth only a few cents. . . .*

*“This poor widow,” Jesus said, “has
put more into the treasury than all
the others.”*



See my **jumbo** version of this Scripture picture by [clicking here](#).