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## Identity Theft

Lesson Three • 1Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

### Robbed by Riches

#### Identity Theft

A lie believed as truth will affect you as if it were true.

*"When he [the Devil] tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies." ~Jesus, John 8:44 CSB*

#### Robbed by Riches

Beware of the lie: "I am what I HAVE."

*"Watch out and guard yourself from all types of greed, because one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ~Jesus, Luke 12:15 NET*

*"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded back from you, but who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' So it is with the one who stores up riches for himself, but is not rich toward God." ~Jesus, Luke 12:20-21 NET*

#### I Am "Rich Toward God" When...

### 1. I Follow the Path to Great GAIN!

*Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 1Timothy 6:6-8*

#### The Exhortation

- Be CAUTIOUS with acquiring excess—you can't take it with you.
- Be CONTENT with having necessities—what you have is enough.

### 2. I Flee the Road to Total RUIN!

*But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 1Timothy 6:9-10*

#### The Warning

- The desire to be rich is DECEPTIVE.
- The desire to be rich is DANGEROUS.
- The desire to be rich is DESTRUCTIVE.

### 3. I Fulfill God's Plan for the RICH!

*Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. 1Timothy 6:17-19*

#### The Command

- Don't find your SECURITY in the uncertainty of riches.
- Fix your HOPE in God, who gives us all things to enjoy.
- Invest in ETERNITY by doing good and being generous.

#### Are You Rich Toward God?

Live like God is gain: live simply, give richly, and thrive eternally.

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich. 2Corinthians 8:9 ESV*