

ADVANCING the Kingdom DAILY

Series: Rich Toward God

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What does it mean to be Rich Toward God?

First, we looked at Jesus' parable of the Rich Fool. He was a Fool because he didn't understand the **Source**, the **Owner** & the **Purpose** of **Wealth**.

Last week, we learned that Jesus' life and ministry is an actual model for us concerning giving: we experience His RICH Grace, Our FULL Hearts become eager/capable of great Sacrifice!

How does God intend/design things, particularly material resources, to work within His world? Today, we explore God's Design to Advance His Kingdom and our Critical Role in it!

- **Paul points out the _____ of correctly managing Kingdom resources.**

"This service that you perform is **not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.** ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

Paul shows the Corinthians how their Joyful & Sacrificial Generous Gifts have a dual impact:

- **Practical impact:** relief of God's people due to famine
Kingdom Advancement almost always is preceded by a problem, crisis or need.
- **Kingdom impact:** food stirs the recipients to thank God, for His Grace
Joyful Christ-followers will seek the next opportunity or their first opportunity to sow seed, starting a domino effect.

- **Being Rich Toward God requires _____.**

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, **so that in all things at all times**, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

- **God invites each of us to _____ with Him to Advance His Kingdom.**

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthian 9:10-11

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