



# How To Get Rich



## **INTRODUCTION**

I can think of few things more exciting than challenging you to be a person who gives. If you can get excited about giving some of your money back to God while you're a student, your life will be blessed. I would love to be the one who encourages you to become the type of Christian who enjoys giving money to do God's work.

While the idea of getting excited about giving may seem strange to you now, you will come to find that many Christians view giving money to the Lord as their privilege. They love to give! I am one of those Christians. As a high school student, I was challenged to study the Bible and discover what God wanted me to do with my money. I can honestly say, since then, I've never been the same.

I want to challenge you in the same way I was challenged. Through the How To Get Rich study book, you will learn what the Bible says about giving and be challenged to experience giving firsthand.

I want you to begin the habit of tithing. This is where you set 10% of your income (allowance, baby-sitting, salary, etc.) aside to honor God. This tithe shows God that He comes first in your life, so you give Him the first parts of your money.

## 01: CAPTURING THE BIG PICTURE

Money: it's one of life's great paradoxes. Everyone wants it—this makes it valuable. To get money, you need to work hard, yet it doesn't have any real value until you give it away. Many people think it will make them happy, that it will solve most of the "big" problems . . . yet some of the saddest people on the planet are those who have lots of money. God gave us His Bible so we can get to know Him more and become better at living life. It's not surprising then that the Bible has a lot to say about money. In this first lesson, you're going to get a look at the big picture about money. As you look up these passages, pray that God will grant you new insight on how He views money.

Mark 10:17-22    Why did the man walk away sad?

Mark 10:23-25    Priorities: what happens when you put God before money?

Being satisfied with what you have comes from the presence of God in your life. Possessions can be stolen; the Spirit of God will never leave us.

Hebrews 13:5      What does this passage say about the love of money?

1 Timothy 6:17-19      Why can't we put our hope in money? What can we put our hope in? Why?

Luke 16:10-11      Where does faithfulness come into play with your money?

Deuteronomy 6:10-13 & 8:17-18      Where does wealth come from according to these passages?

Deuteronomy 14:22      How much was a tithe in the Old Testament?

James 4:17      Now that you know what the Bible says about money, what should you do with what you know?

What are some truths the Bible teaches about money?

What do you think your responsibility is as a Christian when it comes to your money?

Why do you think it is important for a Christian to give?

## **02: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I GIVE?**

In lesson one, you learned some essential truths about money. The Bible doesn't stop there. It moves beyond description into explanation: it explains exactly what is going to happen in the life of a Christian who is a giver. It's always easier to do something when you know that the outcome will be good. This lesson will examine a side of giving that's a little more practical than basic truths; it will explore what happens when a Christian gives.

Proverbs 3:9-10    What part of our wealth are we to give to God? How will God honor you according to verse 10?

1 Corinthians 9:11-14    Why is giving to the church important?

Proverbs 11:24-25    What happens to the person who gives?

Malachi 3:8-10      During Malachi's day, those who followed God's ways weren't giving their tithes to God. What is the promise God made to those who give?

Proverbs 22:9      In your own opinion, what are some of the ways a generous man might be blessed by God?

2 Corinthians 8:7-8      Why do you think God wants us to be people who give?

2 Corinthians 9:13-14      What do prayers and giving have in common?



Romans 12:4-8    What happens when you give generously?

Deuteronomy 15:10    What is the result of giving when your heart is right?

Matthew 22:15-22    Although this passage is mainly about taxes, in your opinion, what belongs to God?

Christians belong to a community called the body of Christ (the Church).  
What each member does affects the other members.  
Giving builds up the body.

After completing this lesson, what do you think happens to a Christian when they give?

Why do you think it is important to be a giver?

### **03: HOW SHOULD I GIVE?**

It's clear that God has a lot to say about our money: He has a plan and when we follow that plan, blessings came into our lives. In this lesson, you will look at some of the finer details of that plan. Some Christians give out of obligation, and it becomes a meaningless ritual without heart. God wants His givers to have a certain heartfelt attitude about giving. You've had enough theory, now it's time to examine how these timeless truths translate into your life today.

Matthew 23:23      What was Jesus' problem with the religious people?

2 Corinthians 8:12      What is the most important aspect of giving?

Mark 12:41-44      Why do you think Jesus was so impressed by the widow?

Matthew 6:2-3

How does Jesus want us to give?

Acts 5:1-11

What did Ananias and Sapphira do wrong?

Luke 14:33

What does a person have to do to be a disciple of Jesus?

2 Corinthians 8:1-4

Focusing on verse 4, how is sharing described?

Matthew 6:19-20 What is the point Jesus is trying to make?

Matthew 6:21

What is the connection between your heart and your treasure?

Could you imagine getting leftover "hand-me-downs" for Christmas? God deserves more than our spare change. When we get money, we should pay Him first.

What does God want a giver's heart to look like?

On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate your own heart?

10 - Take me to the ER, I need heart surgery fast.

1 - I'm Jesus Jr.

What do you think you need to do to become a better giver?