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*Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”* Luke 12:15 NIV

*“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ 21This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”* Luke 12:20-21 NIV

### Good News, Bad News

1. The good news is: You are \_\_\_\_\_!

*Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.* Ecclesiastes 5:19 NIV

2. The bad news is: You're \_\_\_\_\_!

*Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! 25Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”* Luke 18:24-25 NIV

*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.* 1 Timothy 6:17 NIV

**God has blessed me with more than I \_\_\_\_\_. I'm rich.**

**But I will not trust in my riches, but in Him who richly**

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**Because I have \_\_\_\_\_, I will give more and do more.**

John Wesley – “Having, first, gained all you can, and, secondly saved all you can, then give all you can”.

*Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19... they will lay up treasure for themselves ... so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.* 1 Timothy 6:18-19 NIV

John Wesley - “Not, how much of my money will I give to God, but, how much of God's money will I keep for myself?”

John Wesley - Wealth is the smallest thing on earth, the least gift that God has bestowed on mankind. Rich people should consider that they are only trustees for what they possess, and should show their wealth to be more in doing good than merely in having it.

**God has blessed me with more than I need. I'm rich. But I will not trust in my riches, but in Him who richly provides. Because I have more, I will give more and do more.**

### My Next Step Is To...

- Give thanks everyday for what God has given us and acknowledge He is the giver.
- Do something that matters. \_\_\_\_\_
- Trust no longer in what I have but place my trust in Jesus Christ.