

Additional Fees Apply

Food for Thought for the week of August 30, 2015 (Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Describe how you think your life would change if you won the lottery for 300 million dollars:

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

In this passage of scripture, Paul commends the Macedonian churches (Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea) for giving generously at a time of extreme poverty. This area had suffered from many wars and now, they were most likely suffering persecution from the Roman Empire. Yet, Paul states that in their severe test of affliction, they had an abundance of joy and a wealth of generosity.

1. Describe a time in your life when you experienced the graciousness of God that inspired you to be more generous.
2. How does the Word describe what it means to become rich? vs 5-7
3. To what did Paul attribute these church's generosity? vs 1
4. How do you think the believers in these churches stayed rich?
5. Christ became poor so that we might become rich. Why do you think our Heavenly Father sent His only Son to make us rich? vs 9
6. Can you think of other ways you might show generosity besides sharing your money?

Application:

Statistics show that rich people give away a much smaller percentage of their money than those who are poor. Do you think your percentage of giving would increase or decrease after winning the lottery?

In all ways, how can we, as Christ followers, get rich, be rich, and stay rich?

For further study:

2 Corinthians 9; Proverbs 11:24-25; Proverbs 19:17; Luke 6:38; Acts 2:44-47; Acts 4:32-37; Acts 5:1-11; Galatians 6:7.