

# BE \_\_\_\_\_ RICH



## Be Rich: Being Rich in Love & Kindness

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Being rich in God's economy is so very different from the world's definition of being rich.

*“Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage— **to do good**, to be rich **in helping others**, to be **extravagantly generous**. If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.”*

1 Timothy 6:17-18 (MSG)

God desires us to be rich in doing good, in helping others, and in being generous. We are to be rich in love and kindness towards others as Jesus is rich in love and kindness towards us.

### 1. What do you think it means to be rich in love and kindness?

**Jesus expressed love and kindness by paying attention to people.**

Read Luke 8:40-46 (Message). Jesus gave people His full attention even when they interrupted where He was going and what He was doing.

### 2. How well do you handle interruptions?

### 3. How well do you pay attention to people?

**4. What can you do now to be better at paying attention to people?**

**Jesus expressed love and kindness by affirming people.**

Read Luke 8:47-48 (Message). Jesus affirmed the women by listening to her story.

**4. How good are you at listening to someone's story; really listening without interrupting?**

**5. How does listening to someone's story affirm that person?**

**6. What can you do now to be a better listener; an affirming listener?**

**Jesus expressed love and kindness by accepting people.**

Read Luke 8:49-56 (Message). Jesus accepted people where they were at; some were ready to receive a miracle, and some were not.

**7. Are you able to accept people where they are at? Even fellow believers?**

**8. How can you be more accepting of people where they are at in their life and in their spiritual journey?**

**Family Discussion Starter:**

Discuss how Jesus showed His love and kindness by paying attention to people, by listening to people, and accepting people. Come up with a couple of ways your family can be better at listening to and accepting other people.