

RICH LIVING

“The Crazy Cycle”

- **Generosity** is more than random acts of giving.
- **Generosity** is the premeditated, calculated, designated emancipation of personal financial assets.
- **Promise:** When you become generous, you will **give** more, **save** more, and **consume** less.

The word most associated with the term “money” in the United States of America is the word... “WORRY.”

In response to our worry, we spend every bit or even more than what we make.

And as a result, we end up with debt, stupid debt.

We wind up with no financial margin.

- **We worry about... future consumption.**
- **So, we consume more than we can afford.**
- **We end up with consumer debt.**
- **Then we have no margin for future consumption.**

It’s not an issue of money, it’s an issue of SELF-CONTROL.

It’s a CONTENTMENT issue.

It’s a DISCIPLINE ISSUE.

Worry is not a money problem, it’s a SPIRITUAL problem.

Learning to be generous is the path off the crazy cycle and crushes the consumption assumption.

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain **rich man** yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. **Luke 12:16-18a (NIV)**

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¹⁸ I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." **Luke 12:18b-19 (NIV)**

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! **Luke 12:20a (NIV)**

²⁰ This very night your life will be demanded from you. **Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?** **Luke 12:20b (NIV)**

²¹ "**This is how it will be** with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not **rich toward God.**" **Luke 12:21 (NIV)**