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How Much is Enough?



Just to Clear Things Up

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17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living **God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.**

1 Timothy 6:17

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10 ...I have come that they may have life, and
**that they may have it more
abundantly.**

John 10:10

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I'm not rich!

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**“one in ten people survive
on less than \$2/day”**

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“According to the Global Rich List, a website that brings awareness to worldwide income disparities, an income of \$32,400 a year will allow you to make the cut.”



GLOBAL RICH LIST

\$32,400/year

You



Poorer than you →

You're in **the top**

1.00%

richest people in the world by income.

That makes **you** the

59,876,691st

richest person on earth by income.

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12 ... Lord will maintain The
cause of the afflicted, And
justice for the poor.

Ps 140:12

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7 "If there is among you a poor man of your
brethren, ..., **you shall not harden
your heart nor shut your hand
from your poor brother,**

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

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8 but **you shall open your hand
wide to him** and willingly lend him
sufficient for his need, **whatever he
needs.**

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

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10 You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing **the Lord your God will bless you in all your works** and in all to which you put your hand.

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

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11 For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, **'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'**

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

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49 Look, this was the iniquity of your sister

Sodom: She and her daughter had pride,
fullness of food, and abundance of idleness;
**neither did she strengthen the
hand of the poor and needy.**

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

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**God rewards those who
care about the poor**

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27 He who gives to the poor
will not lack, But he who hides his eyes
will have many curses.

Proverbs 28:27

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31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his
Maker, **But he who honors Him**
has mercy on the needy.

Proverbs 14:31

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- You gave Me food
- You gave me drink
- You took me in
- You clothed me
- You visited me
- You came to me



34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, **'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matthew 25

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*“It wasn’t that the people of
Matthew 25 did anything wrong to
the poor and needy, **but that they
did nothing at all**”*

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**Meeting needs begins in
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44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

Acts 2:44-46

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46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Acts 2:44-46

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47 praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.**

Acts 2:44-46

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17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

1 John 3:14-18

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18 My little children, **let us not love
in word or in tongue, but in
deed and in truth.**

1 John 3:14-18

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“Loving people outside of the church gives them a taste of what it is like to be a part of the family of God”

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*“People hear your actions
much louder than your
words”*

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**We can't separate our
giving from our faith**

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14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

James 2:14-17

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15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

James 2:14-17

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17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

James 2:14-17

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*What can we spare, or
what will it take?*



**6 Now godliness with
contentment is great gain. 7**

For we brought nothing into this world, and
it is certain we can carry nothing out.

1 Timothy 6:6-11

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8 And **having food and clothing,
with these we shall be
content.**

1 Timothy 6:6-11

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9 But **those who desire to be rich fall into temptation** and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

1 Timothy 6:6-11

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10 For **the love** of money is a
root of all kinds of evil, for which
some have strayed from the faith in their
greediness, and pierced themselves through
with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:6-11

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11 But you, O man of God, flee these things
and **pursue righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, patience,
gentleness.**

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