

DEEP



WIDE

SERMON NOTES



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Deep & Wide: Sermon Notes

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WIDE-GENEROSITY

DEEP & WIDE RECAP

- Resources & Media: nola.vcmvmt.com/deepandwide
- Jesus modeled the rhythm of the Christian life—deep and wide.
- Vintage Church will grow deep by focusing on who we are becoming in Jesus and we will grow wide by focusing on who we are inviting into Jesus.

We can go wide when we see money as God's good gift to generously share with others.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

HUMBLE YOURSELF

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1 Timothy 6:17a

- Having vs. Desiring

⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Timothy 6:9-10

- When do you want to be rich—in the present or in eternity?

*⁴Do not toil to acquire wealth;
be discerning enough to desist.*

*⁵When your eyes light on it, it is gone,
for suddenly it sprouts wings,*

flying like an eagle toward heaven.

Proverbs 23:4-5

- "It's a trap"—Admiral Ackbar
- Humble yourself because your wealth will not last.

TRUST GOD

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1 Timothy 6:17

- The Uncertain vs. the Certain
 - Wealth is uncertain because it won't last.

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

- God is certain because he is eternal.
- How do we trust God with money?

³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

Remember, we're all just a gang of treasure hunters; we're all after what we've named as important. The only thing that distinguishes us is the kind of treasure we live to pursue.

Paul David Tripp, *Redeeming Money*, 93

- Trust God because He has all you'll ever need.

GIVE GENEROUSLY

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1 Timothy 6:18-19

- Living for the Now vs. the Eternal

- When you live for the now you only focus on accumulating wealth for yourself.

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

James 2:1-5

- When you live for the eternal you focus on generously sharing your wealth with others.
- What if you're poor?

¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,

2 Corinthians 8:1-3

¹Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ²and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Luke 21:1-4

- Generosity isn't about the amount given; it's about the motive for giving.
- Give generously because you're living for the eternal.

HOW DO WE CULTIVATE THE HABIT OF GENEROSITY?

- Assess your priorities
- Change your spending habits
- Determine how much you will give
- Schedule how often you will give
- Give from a heart of worship every time
- Plan to become more generous

