

# Overdraft Protection

## Protection From Poverty

### “Learning to Live Well”

*“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1Timothy 6:17-19*

- I. Watch out for the snare of **arrogance**
  - ... it builds prejudice. (Esther 3:5-6)
  - ... it's born of self-righteousness. (Luke 18:11-14)
  - ... it's incompatible with God's presence. (Psalm 10:11)
  
- II. Where do you place your **trust**?
  - ... not in wealth which is so **uncertain**. (Proverbs 18:11, Eccl. 5:10)
  - ... hope (or trust in God) who richly **provides** us with everything for our **enjoyment**. (1Tim. 6:17b)
  
- III. What can you do to **live well**?!
  - ... do good and be rich in **good deeds**. (1Tim. 6:18a, 1Peter 2:12)
  - ... be **generous** and willing to share. (1Tim. 6:18b)

The key to breaking free in both of these areas is to make it a **priority**. (1Cor.16:2)

Application: Overdraft protection begins with true **awareness** of the risks of riches, and ends with specific steps of **loving obedience**.

### Small Group Questions

1. After some thought, what, if any, other counsel would you give rich people in terms of how they conduct themselves? Have you ever found yourself susceptible to some of these dangers?
2. In the message, we were warned against the “deceitfulness” of riches which is something we never escape throughout our spiritual walk. What is that deceitfulness? How do we learn to prevail against it?
3. Paul commands the rich to “do good and be rich in good deeds.” Can you share one experience of the blessing you received by sharing in some “good deeds”?
4. The key to generosity is a disciplined commitment to giving of your resources on a regular and increasing basis. (1Cor. 16:2) What have you discovered about learning to give **first** when you receive your income? If not, are you ready to begin that simple discipline?