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You probably don't feel rich. Rich is the other guy. Rich is having more than you currently have. But you can be rich and not feel it. And that's the problem. Andy Stanley is convinced that most of us are richer than we think. We just aren't very good at it. It's one thing to BE rich. Andy wants us to be GOOD at it!

"*How to Be Rich* lays out clear principles for carrying that load, making sure your wealth remains a blessing not just for you, but for your family and community for generations to come."

—DAVE RAMSEY, New York Times bestselling author and radio show host

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Simon Yoong says

short and simple book on a topic most people struggle with. Could have been more in-depthed, though.

Julianna says

Perspective changing book on how to be generous - "no-strings-attached" generous. I really enjoyed (and needed to hear) this message! We are richly blessed.

Chris says

Let's face it, most of us already are rich compared to the standards of the world and generations before us.

This book isn't about how to get rich, it's about how to be rich; what do we do with the money we have in order to be the kind of rich people that make a difference in the world through their generosity, and to learn to trust Him who richly provides over earthly riches.

Great, short book! Highly recommended.

Ray Edwards says

The Best Book About How to Be Rich

I've read many, many books about how to be rich. Without a doubt, I can say this is the best of all of them. It's a short read, but I guarantee you will be richer before you even finish it, and you will also be better at BEING rich!

Chrissy says

This was my first book of 2019, and it was pretty interesting. It's not an financial guide in the strict sense but rather a psychological and Christian approach to being generous.

*** minor spoiler ahead***

I picked up this book because I was attending one of his churches when he was preaching on this topic. The sermon was great (you can find it on Youtube), but this book goes into much greater detail of generosity. It tells of how we're already rich by the world's standards and how being generous not only helps those in need, but also helped (and continues to help) the Christian religion to thrive. In the early centuries of Christianity,

Pagans and Jews weren't generous. It was a "only give so you could get something in return" type system. The early Christians were different in that they gave without any precieved notion of receiving anything in return. It was a completely new and (to the non-Christians) awesome concept that led many people to convert. On that same historical note, he even surprised this little Catholic girl.

The author went on to tell the story of Saint Pachomis. He was a pagan that was imprisoned by the Roman army and left to starve. Christians began bringing him and his fellow inmates food in the middle of the night so that they wouldn't starve. After he got out of prison, he thanked them and was led to not only convert to Catholic Christianity but also help bring others to the religion as well. Honestly, I've never heard of Saint Pachomis before and I was pleasantly surprised to hear the story of a Catholic saint in a nondenominational Christian book.

As for tithing (donating part of your income to God and the church), he doesn't say that we must give 10% but rather that we should feel compelled to help others out in whichever ways that we can. I really liked that.

Overall, it was a very interesting, in depth look into wealth and generosity.

Matthew says

Although I wasn't necessarily excited about reading a book on generosity, I have to confess that this book was amazing. I am more committed than ever to becoming a generous person. Here are a few of my favorite thoughts from the book:

"We're so absorbed in the effort to get rich, we no longer recognize when we are rich"

"The richer people get, the smaller the percentage of money they give away"

"Having lots of money doesn't make you good at being rich any more than having lots of children makes you good at parenting."

"I will not trust in riches but in him who richly provides"

"Whenever we have more than we need, our natural assumption will be that it's for our own consumption."

"No matter how rich or poor you may feel, right now is the time to be generous."

"The percentage matters more than the sum."

"You miss money you misspend. You miss money you waste or poorly invest. But you never miss money given to meet a need in someone's life."

"Whenever I give God something, it's really just symbolic. The idea that we ever 'give' God anything is really just a myth."

"The best ministry we can offer on God's behalf isn't to explain our theology. It's to extend our generosity. Because that's what our Heavenly Father did for us. And that's what he's asked us to do as well."

Matt says

This material is based on one of Stanley's sermon series, and in his book of the same name he teaches Christians what their obligations are when it comes to finances. He sets the stage by explaining that even though there are people richer than you, you are still rich. The Bible lays out some principles for people that are rich, specifically with a call to do good deeds with your wealth.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 English Standard Version (ESV)

18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

There is a ton of good content in here, some things that you have heard before, and some things that may be new to you. I would highly recommend this book.

Emil Bredahl says

An intriguing title and an interesting subject to write about. His points are solid and practical and he touches on a subject that many will not discuss openly.

I like Andy Stanley books because they are straight to the point and he shares many stories from his own life. Contentment is the key word that I took away from reading this book

I can highly recommend this book as it is short and easy to read
Enjoy

L.A. says

A gentle bait-and-switch for first-worlders of faith.

The data shows that people with more resources are actually LESS generous than their poorer counterparts. This is a problem for those sincerely committed to following that Jesus fella. Stanley's short, sweet guide to being more generous is a nickel-and-dime version of a longer church study program, and thus its applications are a bit limited. It's a little too fluffy to merit shelf space in anything other than church library collection, but that doesn't make it a bad book. In fact, Stanley's use of kind, rather than shaming, rhetoric to show people just how rich they already are, and how to spread it around, will most likely be a good tool for pastors looking to poke their flock a bit. Three cheers for catching more flies with honey; recommended, but optional.

Laura Beasley says

I had a hard time getting into this book. I felt that all he said could have been written in one chapter. I had a hard time with his saying repeatedly we are rich. To say we are blessed would have been so much better. Felt like this was a way to guilt people to make a larger pledge. Focus on money mostly and giving can be so

many ways not just monetary.

Sojourner says

How to Be Rich by Andy Stanley is not your “get-rich” book. That was the impression I had when I first saw the book, and was not keen on it. But it is not what I thought it was. A closer look reveals that the author has made a paradigm shift in his definition of “rich” which really initiated me into the book. And it was that particular reason why I asked for an advance review copy.

Instead of offering tips on how to get rich, the author appeals to the heart of the reader to live a lifestyle that is consistent with the teachings of the Bible, and also following the examples of the early Christians. Christians are to be generous with what we have, and strive to be a blessing to others by our “planned” and “sacrificial” giving.

Andy Stanley has pointed out that the book is the result of a series of sermons preached to members of the congregation he is leading. The message is relevant and timely.

Melissa Andrews says

This is the first book I'm reading by Andy Stanley. He presents some material that I've heard already, but they way he presents it, and the new material he shares, makes for an enjoyable reading experience. We are rich. I am rich. Don't believe me? Read this book! I need to choose to make better decisions about what I do with the money God has given me, and one of the things that the "true rich" do is give - in the same way that Jesus gave to us.

Seth says

This is not a book about economics, and there are no tips inside on how to *get* rich. Instead, Andy Stanley is focused on how we modern Americans need to live once we recognize that we already *are* fabulously wealthy compared to the rest of the modern and historical world. Few if any would deny this if pressed, yet everybody has pretty much the same definition of what it means to be rich: about twice what one earns currently. It's always relative. As Stanley writes, “Rich is a moving target.”

Stanley points out two major weaknesses that our money makes us susceptible to: arrogance, and to become our source of hope. To combat them, he argues for a lifestyle of generosity that is both intentional (planned) and sacrificial (more than just the extra cash left over once we've met our consumeristic “needs”).

“To keep from becoming arrogant...to keep your hope from migrating... and to sidestep the assumption that everything is for your consumption, you are to pursue a life of generosity. It's not just a good thing to do. It's not some tip for how to be a good person. It's a preventative for the side effects of wealth.” (71)

Most of Stanley's points are teased out of 1 Timothy 6:18, but the book is pretty light on overt theological reasoning. That's not a criticism. There's nothing controversial here; Stanley's goal is to get us to recognize our incredible wealth and the dangers and opportunities that accompany it, and then to motivate us in practical ways to be generous. Ultimately, he writes, “the best ministry we can offer on God's behalf isn't to

explain our theology. It's to extend our generosity." I recommend this very brief exhortation toward a generous life.

A digital copy of this book was provided by the publisher through Netgalley for purposes of review.

Josh Burgess says

Started the year wanting to read more on how to be a better giver. This was an easy read and had solid advice on how to become a more generous.

Paul Ragon says

Classic Christian view on how to handle money, i.e. be generous.
